

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

NORWALK-LA MIRADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026070559

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT
AND ORDER GRANTING JOINT REQUEST FOR MEDIATION
AND CONTINUANCE

AUGUST 24, 2026

On July 13, 2026, Student filed a Due Process Hearing Request, referred to as a complaint, with the Office of Administrative Hearings, naming Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District as respondent. The Office of Administrative Hearings is referred to as OAH. On August 6, 2026, Student filed a Motion to Amend the Due Process Hearing Request and an amended complaint. On August 11, 2026, Norwalk-La Mirada filed a non-opposition to Student's motion to amend. On August 21, 2026, the parties jointly filed a request for mediation and continuance.

STUDENT'S MOTION TO AMEND

An amended complaint may be filed when the other party consents in writing and is given the opportunity to resolve the complaint through a resolution session, or when the hearing officer grants permission. The hearing officer may grant permission at any time more than five days before the due process hearing. (20 U.S.C. §1415(c)(2)(E)(i).) The filing of an amended complaint restarts the applicable timelines for the due process hearing. (20 U.S.C. §1415(c)(2)(E)(ii).)

The motion to amend was timely filed more than five days prior to the due process hearing. Further, the proposed amended complaint contains additional issues that occur within the same statutory period at issue. Amendment is granted. The amended complaint shall be deemed filed on the date of this order. The new dates are as set forth below.

JOINT REQUEST FOR MEDIATION AND CONTINUANCE

A due process hearing must be conducted, and a decision rendered, within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3).) Speedy resolution of the due process hearing is mandated by law and continuance of the hearing may be granted only upon a showing of good cause. (Ed. Code, § 56505, subd. (f)(3).) In ruling upon a motion for continuance, OAH is guided by the provisions found within the Administrative Procedure Act and the California Rules of Court that concern motions to continue. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020; Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332.) Generally, continuances of matters are disfavored. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).)

Good cause exists to continue the matter for purpose of mediation. This is also the first continuance request made by the parties. The request is granted, and due

process hearing on the amended complaint is continued to the dates set forth below. All previously scheduled dates are vacated. The new dates are:

MEDIATION: September 22, 2026, at 9:00 Am to 12:30 PM.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE: November 6, 2026, at 1:00 PM.

DUE PROCESS HEARING will be held on November 17, 18, and 19, 2026.

The mediation, prehearing conference, and due process hearing will be held by videoconference or telephone, unless otherwise ordered. The due process hearing will begin at 9:30 AM on all days, and generally end at 3:30 PM, unless otherwise ordered. The hearing will continue day to day, as needed, Mondays and Fridays included, at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. Prehearing conference statements and motions are due to OAH no later than three business days before the prehearing conference. Late motions will only be considered if good cause is established for the late filing.

The parties must immediately give potential witnesses the hearing dates, and must subpoena witnesses, if necessary, so they are available to testify. Failing to properly notify or subpoena a witness is not good cause to delay the hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claire Yazigi".

Claire Yazigi

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings