BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026090474

ORDER GRANTING DISTRICT'S PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE

OCTOBER 19, 2026

On October 19, 2026, before the prehearing conference, Manteca Unified School District filed a notice of peremptory challenge with the Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, to Administrative Law Judge Cararea Lucier. An Administrative Law Judge is called ALJ. The peremptory challenge is made pursuant to Government Code section 11425.40, subdivision (d), of the Administrative Procedures Act, and California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 1034.

Government Code section 11425.40, subdivision (d), establishes the criteria for disqualification of the presiding officer. A party is entitled to one peremptory challenge, also called disqualification without cause, to an ALJ assigned to an OAH hearing. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subds. (a) & (b); Gov. Code, § 11425.40, subd. (d).) A peremptory challenge is not allowed if made after the hearing starts. In addition, if at

the time of a scheduled prehearing conference, an ALJ has been assigned to the hearing, any challenge to the assigned ALJ must be made no later than the start of that prehearing conference. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subd. (c).) A peremptory challenge is not allowed on reconsideration or remand. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subd. (a).)

The peremptory challenge is timely and granted. The case is now assigned to ALJ Daniel Senter and all scheduled dates remain on calendar.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Tara Doss

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Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings