BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

v.

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2025081069

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO STRIKE STUDENT'S CLOSING BRIEF

OCTOBER 20, 2025

On August 27, 2025, Simi Valley filed a due process request with the Office of Administrative Hearings, naming Student.

Administrative Law Judge Jeanie Min heard this matter via videoconference on September 24, and 25, 2025. At the close of hearing on September 25, 2025, the ALJ granted a continuance for the parties to file written closing arguments by 5:00 PM on October 16, 2025.

At 4:25 PM on October 16, 2025, Simi Valley filed its written closing brief with OAH. At 7:28 PM on October 16, 2025, Student filed his written closing brief with OAH. Any documents filed with OAH after 5:00 PM are deemed filed the next business day.

On October 17, 2025, Simi Valley filed a motion to strike Student's closing brief, as it was untimely. On October 17, 2025, Student filed his opposition to Simi Valley's motion, arguing that the delay was short, unintentional, and caused no harm to Simi Valley.

Each party was granted three full weeks to submit a written closing brief. The ALJ's instructions were clear that written closing briefs must be filed by 5:00 PM on October 16, 2025. Student did not seek leave to file a late brief, nor did he contact OAH regarding any technical difficulties regarding filing the brief.

Student did not timely file his closing brief by the deadline. Accordingly, Simi Valley's motion to strike is granted.

Jeanie Min

Jeanie Min
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings