BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE CONSOLIDATED MATTERS INVOLVING:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

and

CUPERTINO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT,

OAH CASE NUMBER 2025110210

OAH CASE NUMBER 2025110972

ORDER DENYING STUDENT'S RENEWED CHALLENGE FOR CAUSE

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

On January 30, 2026, Student filed a challenge for cause seeking to disqualify Administrative Law Judge Kara Hatfield from hearing this case. On February 2, 2026, the Office of Administrative Hearings issued an Order Denying Student's Challenge for Cause.

On February 3, 2026, Student filed a "Renewed Challenge of ALJ for Cause" alleging his prior challenge for cause was improperly ruled upon by the challenged Administrative Law Judge.

Student's "Renewed Motion to Disqualify ALJ for Cause" is premised on Student's incorrect belief that anyone other than the challenged Administrative Law Judge is supposed to rule on a challenge for cause. The challenged judge is by law the person who determines if the challenged judge is disqualified. (Code Civ. Proc., § 170.3.)

Student's addition grounds for renewing his challenge for cause are repetitive of the grounds stated in his original challenge for cause. For the same reasons stated in the February 2, 2026, Order Denying Student's Challenge for Cause, Student's Renewed Motion to Disqualify ALJ for Cause is denied.

ORDER

Student's renewed motion challenging Administrative Law Judge Hatfield for cause and seeking to disqualify Administrative Law Judge Hatfield from issuing rulings on pending motions, issuing a decision on Student's expedited claims, and continuing hearing this case is denied. All dates previously set in this matter are confirmed.

Kara Hatfield

Kara Hatfield
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings