BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of: PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT, v. IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.	OAH Case No. 2017040667 ORDER GRANTING STUDENT'S PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE

On November 3, 2017, Student filed a notice of peremptory challenge to Administrative Law Judge Elsa Jones in the above captioned matter. Student's peremptory challenge was 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 (disqualification without cause) to an ALJ assigned to an Office of Administrative Hearings hearing. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subds. (a) & (b); Gov. Code, § 11425.40, subd. (d).) In no event will a peremptory challenge be allowed if it is made after the hearing has commenced. 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 shall be made no later than commencement of that prehearing conference. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subd. (c).) A peremptory challenge is not allowed on reconsideration or remand, and cannot be made after a hearing has begun. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subd. (a).)

Student's peremptory challenge is timely made and is granted pursuant to Government section 11425.40, subdivisions (a) and (d), and California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 1034, subdivision (c).

ORDER

1. Student's challenge of ALJ Jones is granted. Matter is now assigned to ALJ Kara Hatfield.

2. The previously set hearing dates remain as calendared, and prehearing conference is rescheduled to 1:00 p.m., on November 6, 2017.[1]

DATE: November 03, 2017

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PETER PAUL CASTILLO
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings

[1] ALJ Jones had indicated to the parties that 10:00 a.m., would be available for the prehearing conference. However, that time is scheduled for the monthly Administrative Law Judge meeting. If the new time scheduled does not work for the parties, they are to contact OAH after they meet and confer as to an available time the afternoon of November 6, 2017.