BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of: EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS HOLDER ON BEHALF OF STUDENT, v. CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT.	OAH CASE NO. 2013080449 ORDER PERMITTING SUBSTITUTION OF EXPERT WITNESS

On September 16, 2013, a telephonic prehearing conference (PHC) was held before Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Peter Paul Castillo, Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). Mary Lee Smith and Rebecca Williford, Attorneys at Law, appeared on behalf of Student. Jennifer Rowe Gonzalez, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE). Christina Ro-Connolly, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of Contra Costa County Probation Department (CCCPD).

At the PHC, ALJ Castillo bifurcated the hearing. The bifurcated hearing as to whether CCCPD is a proper party to this action as a responsible public agency under special education laws is set for hearing on October 2 and 3, 2013. At the PHC, Student declared as an expert witness, Peter Leone, Ed.D., to testify at the bifurcated hearing. On September 19, 2013, Student filed a motion to substitute expert witness. Student's motion states that neither CCCPD nor CCCOE opposes Student's request that Alice Davis Parker, Ed.D., be substituted for Dr. Leone as Student's expert witness. Neither CCCPD nor CCCOE submitted a response. As the substitution occurred more than five days before the commencement of the bifurcated hearing, Student's request to substitute expert witnesses is granted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 26, 2013

/s/
PETER PAUL CASTILLO
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings