BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of: PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT, v. PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT .	OAH Case No. 2018100224 ORDER SETTING ASIDE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

On December 12, 2018, the Office of Administrative Hearings issued an Order to Show Cause why Paramount Unified School District's attorney, Angela Gordon, should not pay OAH's costs related to the cancelation of the scheduled December 5, 2018, mediation. The Order to Show Cause called for Paramount's attorney to submit a response to OAH by December 19, 2018. OAH received the response on December 19, 2018. Student filed a non-opposition to Paramount's response on December 20, 2018.

The basis for the order to show cause was that on October 29, 2018, OAH granted the parties' joint continuance request, with their requested mediation date of December 5, 2018. On December 5, 2018, the assigned mediator traveled to Paramount's office. Student's family, Student's attorney and OAH provided interpreter were present for the mediation. Paramount's representative was present. Ms. Gordon did not appear for the mediation. Ms. Gordon was contacted and stated that she did not appear as she believed that the mediation was to be continued. The mediation was subsequently cancelled.

In Ms. Gordon's response, she takes full responsibility for what transpired regarding the confusion in communication between her, her office, and Student's attorney's office regarding possibly rescheduling the mediation due to ongoing assessments, which caused her to believe the mediation would be rescheduled, which Student's response confirmed. Therefore, Ms. Gordon's failure to appear was due to an honest mistake. Therefore, the order to show cause is set aside.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: December 26, 2018

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PETER PAUL CASTILLO
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings