

BEFORE THE  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

FAIRFIELD SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2013030894

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUANCE AND SETTING DUE  
PROCESS HEARING

On May 10, 2013, counsel for Student filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) a request to continue the initially scheduled hearing dates in the case. On May 13, 2013, counsel for the District filed an opposition to the request.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) OAH considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. The request is: Granted. All dates are vacated. Here, counsel for Student is unavailable to attend and represent Student at the currently scheduled hearing dates in the case, as she is set to appear in hearing in OAH Case No. 2013020685. Accordingly, this matter will be set as follows:

Mediation:	To be determined by the parties.
Prehearing Conference:	The PHC in this matter has been held.
Due Process Hearing:	06/10/2013, at 1:30 p.m.; 06/11/2013; 06/12/2013;

06/13/2013, and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 13, 2013

/s/

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TIMOTHY L. NEWLOVE  
Presiding Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Hearings