

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2014050994

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUANCE AND SETTING
MEDIATION, PREHEARING
CONFERENCE AND HEARING
DATES

On October 7, 2014, the parties filed a joint request to continue the dates in this matter due to agreed-upon assessments not being completed in the anticipated time frame. This is the second request for continuance.

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).) The Office of Administrative Hearings 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. The parties are advised that **no further continuances will be granted absent a showing of exceptional good cause**, as this matter has been pending since May 2014. This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation: November 6, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

Prehearing Conference: January 12, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

Due Process Hearing: January 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., and January 22, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the ALJ.¹

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: October 8, 2014

/s/

THERESA RAVANDI
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings

¹ Additional dates for hearing will be determined at the PHC. Parties are advised that OAH is dark the week of January 26, 2015.