

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2014110542

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

On December 30, 2014, the parties filed a request to continue the dates in this matter. There have been no prior continuances in this matter.

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. This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation:	January 21, 2015, at 9:30 AM ¹
Prehearing Conference:	March 23, 2015, at 10:00 AM
Due Process Hearing:	April 1 – 2, 2015, at 9:30 AM, and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. ²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: December 30, 2014

/s/

BOB N. VARMA
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings

¹ The parties also requested that OAH set the Student's sibling's case for mediation on January 21, 2015, as well. OAH shall issue a separate order as to the sibling's case.

² The parties requested hearing dates of March 31, and April 3, 2015. That request is denied as March 31, 2015 is a state holiday, and April 3, 2015 is a Friday. At the time of the PHC, the parties may request the ALJ presiding over the matter to add April 3, 2015, at the discretion of the ALJ.