

BEFORE THE  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

SEQUOIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT,

v.

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.

OAH CASE NO. 2011030555

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

On March 18, 2011, the Sequoia Union High School District (District) filed a motion to continue the dates in this matter on the grounds of unavailability of District's special education director and counsel. The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) did not receive a response from Student.

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. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3).) Speedy resolution of the due process hearing is mandated by law and continuance of the hearing may be granted only upon a showing of good cause. (Ed. Code, § 56505, subd. (f)(3).) In ruling upon a motion for continuance, OAH is guided by the provisions found within the Administrative Procedure Act and the California Rules of Court that concern motions to continue. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020; Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332 .) Generally, continuances of matters are disfavored. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and the request is:

Granted. All dates are vacated. OAH cannot grant District's request for mediation on May 2, 2011, as OAH does not calendar mediations on Mondays. This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation:	May 3, 2011, at 9:30 AM
Prehearing Conference:	May 16, 2011, at 10:00 AM
Due Process Hearing:	May 23, 2011, at 1:00 PM

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 25, 2011

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BOB VARMA  
Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Hearings