

BEFORE THE  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF  
EDUCATION.

OAH CASE NO. 2011100803

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE  
WRITTEN CLOSING ARGUMENTS

On February 10, 2012, the day closing arguments were due, Student and Respondent filed a “stipulation to extend time” to February 14, 2012, to file written closing argument in this case. The parties further assert that they are attempting to settle the matter and require time up to February 14, 2012 to accomplish settlement and avoid further expenditure of attorney time and costs.

The hearing in this matter concluded on January 27, 2012. At the conclusion of testimony the parties requested two weeks up to and including February 10, 2012 to file written closing arguments. At no time did the parties indicate that they would be attempting settlement of the case which would result in dismissal of the case and would obviate the need to file closing argument. The parties fail to appreciate that it is not up to them to decide when closing arguments are filed, if at all, and fail to appreciate that leave should have been requested in advance.

The parties’ “stipulation” will be treated as a motion for a continuance on the ground of potential settlement, and on that basis will be granted. However, counsel for both parties are advised that any such future “stipulations,” filed on a due date established by the ALJ, may be denied.

Closing briefs shall be filed no later than the close of business on February 14, 2012 and no further continuances are available. Because the parties requested a continuance, the decision due date will change accordingly.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 13, 2012

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STELLA OWENS-MURRELL  
Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Hearings