

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2012010705

ORDER REGARDING STUDENT'S
REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF CLOSING
BRIEF BY PRIVATE ATTORNEY

On May 15, 2012, Parent, on behalf of Student, filed a request for permission to have a private attorney review Parent's closing brief prior to submission to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). OAH did not receive a response from the Fresno Unified School District. The closing briefs in this matter are due on May 29, 2012.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56505, subsection (e)(1), a party has the right to be accompanied to a due process hearing and to be advised by counsel.¹ The extent of that representation is an issue between the party and its chosen counsel. Should Student desire the services of a private attorney, Student has the right to determine the level of representation. Accordingly, Student's request for permission to have a private attorney review Parent's closing brief is granted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 21, 2012

/s/

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

¹ Nothing in this order shall be interpreted as OAH's endorsement of a particular attorney or as a determination of the responsibility for attorney's fees that Parent may incur. Additionally, OAH is not responsible for assisting a party in obtaining legal representation or for costs associated with that representation.