

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2012050110

ORDER GRANTING FIRST REQUEST
FOR CONTINUANCE AND SETTING
MED/PHC/HRG

On May 29, 2012, the parties filed a first stipulated request for a continuance to agreed dates within approximately 90 days of the initial hearing dates.

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).) OAH 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: June 21, 2012 at 9:30 AM
Prehearing Conference: September 19, 2012 at 1:30 PM [NOTE CHANGE – Parties requested PHC on Thursday, August 30, 2012. OAH only holds PHC’s on Mondays and Wednesdays.]
Due Process Hearing: September 24-27, 2012 at 1:30 PM first day, 9:00 AM after [NOTE CHANGE – Parties requested hearing dates were not practical, as they involved a Thursday start for a single day, then over a two week gap before further proceedings. If an additional day is needed, it should be calendared at the PHC.]

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 30, 2012

/s/

RICHARD T. BREEN
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings