

BEFORE THE  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2014030729

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

On July 23, 2014, the parties jointly filed a second request to continue the dates in this matter. The parties contend that they are close to settlement but need three additional weeks to enable parents to view proposed placements, which are currently in the process of resuming after summer break. The complaint was filed on March 19, 2014, and the requested hearing dates will be within six months of the filing.

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. The parties have established good cause for a short additional continuance. However, given the time this matter has been pending, OAH does not contemplate granting any further continuances in this matter.

This matter will be set as follows:

Prehearing Conference: August 18, 2014 at 10 a.m.  
Due Process Hearing: August 25, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., August 26, 27, and  
28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. and continuing day to day,  
Monday through Thursday, as needed at the  
discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: July 23, 2014

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ADRIENNE L. KRIKORIAN  
Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Hearings