

BEFORE THE  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2014101023

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

On November 24, 2014, the parties jointly filed a request for continuance. The matter was filed on October 22, 2014, and no previous continuance has been sought or granted.

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 dates sought by the parties for the due process hearing (January 13 and 14, 2015) are unavailable. The matter will be calendared for the next available two consecutive days. If the parties do not wish to continue the matter until those dates, they should promptly move to vacate this order and reinstate the currently set dates.

Mediation:

December 9, 2014, at 9:30 AM

Prehearing Conference: March 2, 2015, at 3:00 PM  
Due Process Hearing: March 11 and 12, 2014, at 9:30 AM, and continuing  
day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at  
the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: November 25, 2014

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CHARLES MARSON  
Acting Presiding Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Hearings