

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT,

v.

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.

OAH Case No. 2015031013

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

On April 7, 2015, the parties filed a joint request with the Office of Administrative Hearings to continue the initially set dates in this matter. While Los Alamitos Unified School District requested specific dates, Student requested that OAH select dates without stating what dates were not available to Student and Student's legal representatives.

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. Student did not submit any objection to District's proposed continued mediation, prehearing conference and hearing dates. If Student requests a subsequent continuance, Student's representative must state in a

declaration why Student did not oppose District's proposed dates. Therefore, this matter will be set as follows:

Mediation:	April 21, 2015, at 9:30 AM
Prehearing Conference:	May 4, 2015, at 3:00 PM
Due Process Hearing:	May 13, 2015, at 9:30 AM, May 14, 2015, at 9:00 AM, and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: April 7, 2015

/s/

PETER PAUL CASTILLO
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings