

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. 2015090425

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

On October 19, 2015, the parties filed a joint request to continue the mediation, prehearing conference and hearing. This is the first continuance request since the complaint's filing on September 2, 2015.

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 continuance and considered all relevant facts and circumstances, including the parties' collaboration in agreeing upon continued dates. Good cause existing therefore, the request is granted.

All dates are vacated. This matter is continued as follows:

Mediation:	November 18, 2015, at 1:30 PM, at District's offices, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, 17th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017.
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Prehearing Conference: December 4, 2015, at 10:00 AM.

Due Process Hearing: December 14, 15, and 16, 2015, at 1:30 PM the first day, and 9:00 AM each hearing day thereafter, continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. The hearing shall take place at Office of Administrative Hearings, 15350 Sherman Way, Suite 300, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: October 20, 2015

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CLIFFORD H. WOOSLEY  
Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Hearings