

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. 2012110006

ORDER DENYING REQUEST TO  
CHANGE MEDIATION LOCATION

On November 5, 2012, Parent, on behalf of Student, filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) a request to change the location of the mediation in this matter. Currently, a mediation is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., at the District's main offices at 333 South Beaudry Avenue, in downtown Los Angeles. Parent requests the change because she does not have a car to get to the Beaudry location, and because she needs to pick-up Student from school at about 3:00 p.m.

On November 8, 2012, the District filed with OAH an opposition to the request, indicating that the District holds mediations in special education matters only at the Beaudry location.

OAH cannot force the District to hold a mediation at a location other than the Beaudry site, and, accordingly, Parent's request is denied. However, from experience, OAH is aware that the District will cooperate with parents of children with special needs to make scheduling arrangements that are convenient to the parent. Parent is advised to contact the District representative and request a schedule change in the mediation to make it possible for her to travel to the Beaudry location, and return home in time to pick-up Student from school. OAH will honor the scheduling arrangement reached by the parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 09, 2012

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TIMOTHY L. NEWLOVE  
Presiding Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Hearings