

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2014020060

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUANCE AND SETTING
PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND
HEARING

On March 21, 2014, the parties filed a joint request to continue the dates in this matter because Student's attorney will be out of the country. The prehearing conference is scheduled for March 28, 2014, and the hearing is scheduled to begin on April 8, 2014. The parties requested that the hearing be rescheduled to begin on May 19, 2014.

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. OAH is unable to accommodate the dates the parties requested. This matter will be set as follows:

Prehearing Conference:	July 11, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.
Due Process Hearing:	July 22 through 24, 2014, at 9:30 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: March 21, 2014

/s/

JUDITH KOPEC
Division Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings