

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

ROSEVILLE JOINT UNION HIGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT .

OAH CASE NO. 2014070417

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUANCE OF MEDIATION
AND DENIED REQUEST AS TO
PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On August 4, 2014, the parties filed a joint request for a continued mediation date and to continue the Prehearing Conference in this matter to permit the parties to participate in an individualized education plan meeting and mediation before the PHC.

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 as to mediation.

Mediation: August 19, 2014, at Noon.

Denied as to PHC. All prehearing conference and hearing dates are confirmed and shall proceed as calendared. Moving the PHC to August 22, 2014, only two business days before the scheduled hearing on August 26, 2014, does not give OAH adequate time to prepare for hearing, rule on any prehearing motions or objections to evidence or witnesses, and schedule additional days of hearing if required.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: August 5, 2014

/s/

PETER PAUL CASTILLO
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings