

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES
SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2015070264

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

On September 23, 2015, Student and Redwood City School District filed a joint request to continue the dates in this matter, based upon the unavailability for hearing of both Parent and the attorney for Redwood City. Parent will be out of town for a work assignment until October 21, 2015 and the attorney for Redwood City is scheduled to be in another hearing for a matter filed before this matter. The request for continuance was accompanied by declarations made under penalty of perjury. Belmont-Redwood Shores School District filed a non-opposition to the request for continuance.

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).) The Office of Administrative Hearings 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. This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation: October 27, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

Prehearing Conference: November 23, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Due Process Hearing: December 1, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., and December 2 and 3, 2015, at 9:00 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: September 24, 2015

/s/

MARGARET BROUSSARD
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings