

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

ACTON-AGUA DULCE UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2015120613

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUANCE AND SETTING
PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND
MEDIATION

On February 3, 2016, the parties jointly filed a request to continue the dates in this matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings. The initial hearing date is February 9, 2016.

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. This is the first request by the parties for a continuance, and the dates requested are within 90 days of the initial hearing date.

This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation: Not requested

Prehearing Conference: March 25, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.

Due Process Hearing: April 5, 6 and 7, 2016 and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. **Please note change of dates:** OAH is not available for hearings on April 4, 2016, as requested by the parties. The first day of hearing shall begin at 9:30 a.m., and all other hearing days at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise ordered.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: February 03, 2016

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Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings