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Hello all,

Unfortunately I must request a postponement of the Nov 6 hearing. I have a previously scheduled hearing at the DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education regarding my son's special education needs. This was scheduled on August 28 of this year. When Chairman Hill proposed the Nov 6 date for the follow up BZA hearing re case 21163, I didn't realize that my DC OSSE hearing would be a full day event. Upon checking, I found that it is in fact a 9:30a to 5p hearing, the first of three full-day hearings (Nov 6,7 and 14). It has taken several years to schedule this OSSE hearing. I have attached the OSSE due process order dated August 28, and also CC-d my education lawyer who is handling this process, who can attest to the critical importance of the OSSE hearing and why it cannot be rescheduled.

I respectfully ask the BZA and all parties in case 21163 to agree to a postponement the Nov 6 BZA hearing, to the earliest date possible after Nov 14.

Thank you,

Jessica Smith  
Party to BZA Case 21163