## **NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

M.S., a minor, by and through her Guardian Ad Litem Peggy Sartin,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

LAKE ELSINORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, a Local Education Agency,

Defendant-Appellant.

No. 15-56283

D.C. No. 5:13-cv-01484-CAS-SP

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Central District of California Christina A. Snyder, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and Submitted February 6, 2017 Pasadena, California

Before: KLEINFELD, IKUTA, and NGUYEN, Circuit Judges.

Lake Elsinore Unified School District (Lake Elsinore) appeals the district

court's order granting reimbursement to M.S. under the Individuals with

Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). See 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400–1419. The district

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court had jurisdiction under 20 U.S.C. § 1415(i)(2)(A). We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291.

Lake Elsinore had no duty under 20 U.S.C. § 1414(a)(2) to conduct a reevaluation of M.S. because the local educational agency did not determine that reevaluation was necessary, M.S.'s parents did not request a reevaluation (as M.S. concedes), M.S.'s teacher did not request a reevaluation, and fewer than three years had elapsed since Dr. Patterson's evaluation. Accordingly, the district court erred in holding that Lake Elsinore had a duty to reevaluate M.S. and procedurally violated the IDEA by failing to do so.

The district court erred in holding sua sponte that Lake Elsinore violated the IDEA by holding an individualized education program meeting without M.S.'s parents, because M.S. failed to exhaust this claim at the administrative level. *Payne v. Peninsula Sch. Dist.*, 653 F.3d 863, 871 (9th Cir. 2011), *overruled on other grounds by Albino v. Baca*, 747 F.3d 1162 (9th Cir. 2014) (en banc); *J.W. ex rel. J.E.W. v. Fresno Unified Sch. Dist.*, 626 F.3d 431, 451 (9th Cir. 2010), *aff'g and adopting by reference*, 611 F. Supp. 2d 1097 (E.D. Cal. 2009).

Because M.S. failed to establish that Lake Elsinore violated the IDEA, M.S.'s parents are not entitled to reimbursement. *See Florence Cty. Sch. Dist. Four v. Carter*, 510 U.S. 7, 15 (1993).

## **REVERSED**.