STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

S. A.,	:	
Appellant	:	
	:	**CASE NO. 1998-21**
vs.	:	
GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION	:	
	:	**DECISION**
Appellee	:	

This is an appeal by S. A. (Student) from a decision by the Gwinnett County Board of Education (Local Board) to uphold the decision of a student disciplinary tribunal to expel him from regular classes *for* one year, with the option of attending an alternative school during the expulsion period, after finding him guilty of fighting in school. The Local Board made its decision on March 19, 1998. The Student filed an appeal with the Local Superintendent on April 19, 1998. An appeal has to be filed within 30 days after a local board of education makes its decision for the State Board of Education to have jurisdiction to consider the appeal. Q.C.G.A. § 20-2-1160. The appeal in this case was filed 31 days after the Local Board made its decision. Since the State Board of Education does not have jurisdiction to consider the appeal, it must be, and is hereby,

DISMISSED.

This 13th day of August 1998.

Dr.. Bill Grow, Ms. Willou Smith, Ms. Palmira Braswell, Mr. J. T. Williams, Jr., and Mr. Philip Wilheit were not present.

Larry Thompson
Vice Chairman for Appeals