

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

V. L. H.,	:	
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Appellant	:	
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	:	CASE NO. 1998-34
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vs.	:	
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BIBB COUNTY	:	
BOARD OF EDUCATION	:	
	:	DECISION
Appellee	:	

V. L. H. (Student) filed an appeal to the State Board of Education. The Student claims that the Bibb County Board of Education (Local Board) did not follow state regulations that govern grade reductions due to absences. The Local Board voted on April 27, 1998 not to hold a hearing and the Student filed the appeal on June 11, 1998.

O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1160 requires a local board to conduct a hearing before the State Board of Education has jurisdiction to consider a local board's decision. O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1160 also requires appeals to be filed within thirty days after a local board makes a decision. In the instant appeal, the Local Board did not conduct a hearing and the appeal was not filed within thirty days after the Local Board made its decision not to conduct a hearing. The State Board of Education, therefore, lacks jurisdiction to consider the appeal and it must be, and is hereby, DISMISSED.

This 10th_ day of September 1998.

Ms. Willou Smith & Mr. Phil Wilheit were not present. The seat for the 2nd Congressional District is vacant

Larry Thompson
Vice Chairman for Appeals