STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

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F. N.W	:	
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Appellant	:	
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	:	CASE NO. 1998-44
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vs.	:	
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CLAYTON COUNTY	:	
BOARD OF EDUCATION	:	
	:	DECISION
Appellee	:	

This is an appeal by F. N. W. (Student), a sixth grade student, from a decision by the Clayton County Board of Education to uphold the decision of a student disciplinary tribunal to permanently expel her from regular school after finding that she brought a knife to school. The Student claimed that she had forgotten the knife was in her purse. The Local Board made its decision on May 4, 1998, but the appeal was not filed until June 5, 1998, or 32 days after the Local Board's decision. "O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1160 requires appeals to be filed within 30 days after a local board makes a decision. Since the appeal was not timely filed, the State Board of Education is without jurisdiction to consider the appeal." *Kenisha B. v. Cobb Cnty. Bd. of Educ.*, Case No. 1994-14 (Ga. SBE, May 12, 1994). Accordingly, the appeal is hereby DISMISSED.

Mr. J.T. Williams, Jr. was not present. The seat for th~2nd Congressional District is vacant.

This 12th day of November, 1998.

Larry Thompson Vice Chairman for Appeals