

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

<b>T. M.,</b>	:	
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<b>Appellant,</b>	:	
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<b>vs.</b>	:	<b>CASE NO. 2002-23</b>
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<b>LEE COUNTY</b>	:	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION,</b>	:	
	:	
<b>Appellee.</b>	:	

This is an appeal by T. M. (Student) from a decision by the Lee County Board of Education to uphold the decision of a student disciplinary tribunal to expel him from regular school for the remainder of the 2001-2002 school year after finding him guilty of battery, fighting, and participating in a major student disorder. The Local Board made its decision on October 25, 2001, but the appeal was not filed until November 27, 2001, or 33 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.**

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2002.

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Bruce Jackson  
Vice Chairman for Appeals