STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

S.C.,	:	
Appellant,	:	
v.	:	**CASE NO. 2010-80**
COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION,	:	**DECISION**
Appellee.	:	

This is an appeal by S.C. (Student) from a decision of the Columbia County Board of Education regarding the Local Board's denial of her request for a school zone assignment exception to attend Greenbrier High School instead of Grovetown High School for the 2009-2010 school-year. The Student appealed the Local Board's decision to the State Board of Education ("State Board"). The Student failed to file a brief or request oral argument. Therefore, the Student's appeal is deemed to have been abandoned. Chris M. v. McIntosh County Bd. of Educ., Case No. 1995-47 (Ga. SBE, Jan. 1996). Furthermore, the Local Board is vested with the authority regarding school zone assignments, and therefore this Board is without jurisdiction over such matters. See N.W. v. Coweta Cnty. Bd. of Educ., Case No. 2001-46, (Ga. SBE, Sept. 2001). Finally, the issue raised in this appeal relates to the denial of a school zone assignment for the 2009-2010 school-year. Thus, even assuming this Board had jurisdiction, this appeal is moot because the controversy no longer exists, and there is no relief that this Board can grant the Student. See J.S. v. Gwinnett Cnty. Bd. of Educ., Case No. 2006-37, (Ga. SBE, March 2006). For these reasons, this appeal is hereby **DISMISSED.**

This ___ day of July 2010.

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VICE CHAIR FOR APPEALS