STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

STERLIN J., :

:

Appellant, :

CASE NO. 1995-16

vs. :

: DECISION

RABUN COUNTY :

BOARD OF EDUCATION, :

:

Appellee. :

This is an appeal by Sterlin J. (Student) from a November 10, 1994, decision by the Rabun County Board of Education (Local Board) to uphold the decision of a Student Disciplinary Tribunal to suspend him for the remainder of the 1994—1995 school year because he had an unloaded .22-caliber rifle in his locked pickup truck that was parked in the high school parking lot during school hours. The Student claims that the decision is too harsh under the circumstances, and the Local Board's policy of imposing a mandatory one—year suspension is inconsistent with the Student Behavior Code, which requires each case to be independently considered on the circumstances involved. Since the suspension period has passed, the issues raised by the Student are moot and the appeal, therefore, is DISMISSED.

This 8th day of June, 1995.

Robert M. Brinson Vice Chairman for Appeals