STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

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| Appellant, | : | |
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| | : | CASE NO. 1997-38 |
| vs. | : | |
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| | : | DECISION |
| MUSCOGEE COUNTY | : | |
| BOARD OF EDUCATION, | : | |
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| Appellee. | : | |

This is an appeal by 0. P. (Student) from a decision by the Muscogee County Board of Education (Local Board) to uphold the decision of a student disciplinary tribunal to suspend him from attending regular school classes and assigning him to the Rose Hill Center, an alternative school, for 18 weeks after finding him guilty of smoking a marijuana cigarette on the way to school. The 18-week suspension period began with the start of the 1997-1998 school year and has elapsed. Although the Student claims he did not smoke the marijuana cigarette, the issues raised are moot because the suspension period is over and the State Board of Education cannot provide the Student with any relief The Student's appeal, therefore, is hereby

DISMISSED.

This 12th day of February, 1998. Dr. Bill Grow was not present.

> Larry Thompson Vice Chairman for Appeals