STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

L. W., :	
: Appellant, :	
vs. :	CASE NO. 1999-41
SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY : BOARD OF EDUCATION, :	CASE NO. 1999-42
Appellee.	DECISION
: T. M.,	
: Appellant, :	
vs. :	
SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY : BOARD OF EDUCATION, :	
: Appellee :	

The appeals of L. W. and T. M. (Students) have been combined because they arise out of the same incident and involve the same issues. The Students appealed from decisions by the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education (Local Board) to expel them until September 20, 1999 after the hearing officer from a student disciplinary tribunal decided that the Students should not be expelled. The Students were peripherally involved in a fight that involved several students. During the period of expulsion, the Students were permitted to attend an alternative school. The Students' only basis for appeal was that the punishment was too harsh. The issues raised by these appeals are moot since the expulsion period is over and the State Board of Education cannot provide the Students with any relief. Accordingly, the appeals are hereby DISMISSED.

This _	day of November 1999.
	Bruce Jackson

Vice Chairman for Appeals