

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

<b>BONNIE FORD,</b>	:	
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<b>Appellant,</b>	:	
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<b>vs.</b>	:	<b>CASE NO. 2001-09</b>
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<b>DADE COUNTY</b>	:	
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION,</b>	:	
	:	
<b>Appellee.</b>	:	<b>DECISION</b>

This is an appeal by Bonnie Ford (Appellant) arising out of the refusal by the Dade County Board of Education (Local Board) to hold a hearing on her grievance that the Local Superintendent failed to follow the reduction in force policy when he transferred her from a principal position to an assistant principal position after her principal position was eliminated because of a consolidation. The State Board of Education has jurisdiction to hear appeals from local board decisions under the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1160 only when a local board conducts a hearing. *Boney v. County Bd. of Educ. of Telfair County*, 203 Ga. 152, 45 S.E.2d 442 (1947). In the instant case, the Local Board has not held a hearing and the State Board of Education does not have jurisdiction to consider the appeal. Appellant's remedy is to seek mandamus in superior court. Accordingly, Appellant's appeal is hereby DISMISSED.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 2001.

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Bruce Jackson  
Vice Chairman for Appeals