STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

A. B.,	:	
Appellant,	:	
vs.	:	**CASE NO. 2001-24**
GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION,	:	
Appellee.	:	**DECISION**

A. B. (Student) filed this appeal from a decision by the Gwinnett County Board of Education to uphold the decision of a student disciplinary tribunal to expel him until February 20, 2001, with the opportunity to attend an alternative school, after finding him guilty of striking a teacher on the back. The Student failed to file a brief or request oral argument. In his notice of appeal, the Student claimed that the punishment was too harsh. "A local board of education ... is charged with the responsibility of managing the operation of its schools, and, in matters of discipline, the State Board of Education cannot substitute its judgment for the judgment of the local board. *See, Boney v. County Board of Education for Telfair County,* 203 Ga. 152, 45 S.E.2d 442 (1947); *Braceley v. Burke County Bd. of Ed.*, Case No. 1978-7." *Joseph M. v. Jasper Cnty. Bd. of Educ.*, Case No. 1981-40 (Ga. SBE, Feb. 11, 1982). Since the Student failed to file a brief or request oral argument, he is deemed to have abandoned his appeal. *See, Scott S. v. Wilkes Cnty. Bd. of Educ.*, Case No. 1996-14 (Ga. SBE, July 11, 1996). Accordingly, the appeal is hereby DISMISSED.

This _____ day of April 2001.

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Bruce Jackson
Vice Chairman for Appeals