

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

<b>A. L.,</b>	:	
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<b>Appellant,</b>	:	
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<b>vs.</b>	:	<b>CASE NO. 2006-72</b>
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<b>GWINNETT COUNTY</b>	:	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION,</b>	:	
	:	
<b>Appellee.</b>	:	

This is an appeal by A. L. (Student) from a decision by the Gwinnett County Board of Education to uphold the decision of a student disciplinary tribunal to suspend him from regular school through the end of the 2006-2007 school year with the opportunity to attend an alternative school after the student admitted that he was guilty of creating a disturbance in the classroom. The Student graduated from high school at the end of the 2005-2006 school year. Because the Student has graduated, the State Board of Education cannot provide him with any relief and the issues raised are moot. In addition, the Local Board made its decision on April 13, 2006, but the appeal was not filed until May 17, 2006, or 34 days after the Local Board's decision. "O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1160 requires appeals to be filed within 30 days after a local board makes a decision. Since the appeal was not timely filed, the State Board of Education is without jurisdiction to consider the appeal." *Kenisha B. v. Cobb Cnty. Bd. of Educ.*, Case No. 1994-14 (Ga. SBE, May 12, 1994). Accordingly, the appeal is hereby DISMISSED.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of August 2006.

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William Bradley Bryant  
Vice Chairman for Appeals