

KARIMA G.

Appellant

v.

BALTIMORE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Appellee

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND

STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION

Order No. OR12-11

REVISED ORDER

The State Board received an appeal challenging the Baltimore County Board of Education's (local board) decision that the Appellant's children did not reside in Baltimore County and were therefore ineligible to attend Baltimore County Public Schools for the 2010-2011 school year.

The local board asks that the appeal be dismissed as moot because the 2010-2011 school year is over and Appellant's children no longer attend school in Baltimore County. Appellant's son graduated and her daughter enrolled in school in Baltimore City. (Local Bd. Ex. 1). Although the Appellant was provided the opportunity to respond in writing to the local board's request, she has not done so.

It is well established that a question is moot when "there is no longer an existing controversy between the parties, so that there is no longer any effective remedy which the courts [or agency] can provide." *In Re Michael B.*, 345 Md. 232, 234 (1997); *See also Farver v. Carroll County Bd. of Educ.*, MSBE Op. No. 99-42 (1999); *Arnold v. Carroll County Bd. of Educ.*, MSBE Op. No. 99-41 (1999); *Chappas v. Montgomery County Bd. of Educ.*, 7 Ops. MSBE 1068 (1998). Because the 2010-2011 school year is over and Appellant's children no longer attend school in Baltimore County, there is no existing controversy between the parties and no effective remedy that the State Board can provide.

Accordingly, it is this 26th day of June, 2012, by the Maryland State Board of Education,

ORDERED, that the appeal be and the same is hereby dismissed because it is moot.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION


James H. DeGraffenreid, Jr.
President