

GOLDIE F.,

Appellant,

v.

BALTIMORE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Appellee.

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND

STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION

Order No.: OR24-21

ORDER

The Appellant challenges the August 13, 2024 decision of the Baltimore County Board of Education (“local board”) affirming the decision of the Superintendent’s Designee that the Appellant and her children are not bona fide residents of the attendance area serving ██████ Middle School and ██████ High School. Baltimore County Public Schools (“BCPS”) conducted a residency investigation that disclosed that the Appellant and her children live at an address in the geographic attendance area serving different BCPS schools. However, since the time this appeal was initially filed with the State Board, the Appellant’s children have been enrolled in the requested schools serving the attendance area for the home address that was at issue. The Appellant does not dispute that the children are attending the requested schools in the attendance area where she claims to reside.

The local board requests dismissal of the appeal maintaining that the case is moot. We agree this matter is now moot. “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.’” *Mallardi v. Carroll Cnty. Bd. of Educ.*, MSBE Op. No. 00-07 (2000) (quoting *In Re Michael B.*, 345 Md. 232, 234 (1997)). Because the students are enrolled in the requested schools serving the attendance area where the Appellant claims to reside, there is no longer an existing controversy and no longer any effective remedy that this Board can provide. *See Wayne and Michelle J. v. Anne Arundel Cnty. Bd. of Educ.*, MSBE Order No. OR11-04 (2011); *Tonyia S. v. Montgomery Cnty. Bd. of Educ.*, MSBE Op. No. 07-05 (2007) (dismissing school transfer appeals as moot because approval to attend requested school was granted).

Accordingly, it is this 3rd day of December 2024, by the Maryland State Board of Education, ORDERED, that the appeal is hereby dismissed for mootness. *See* COMAR 13A.01.05.03B.

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Signature on File:

Joshua L. Michael
President