

VIKKI RAYMAN,

Appellant

v.

HARFORD COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Appellee.

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND

STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION

Order No. OR 20-13

ORDER

Vikki Rayman (“Appellant”) requests that this Board reconsider its March 27, 2020 Order in *Vikki Rayman v. Harford County Bd. of Educ.*, MSBE Order No. OR 20-06, which upheld the local board’s decision to dismiss her appeal for untimeliness. The local board opposes the reconsideration request.

A decision on a request for reconsideration shall be made in the discretion of the State Board except that a decision may not be disturbed unless there is sufficient indication in the request that:

- (1) The decision resulted from mistake or error of law; or
- (2) New facts material to the issues have been discovered or have occurred subsequent to the decision.

The State Board may refuse to consider facts that the party could have produced while the appeal was pending. The State Board may, in its discretion, abrogate, change, or modify the original decision. COMAR 13A.01.05.10.

Appellant maintains that the State Board erred in dismissing her appeal because the Superintendent’s Designee failed to include Appellant’s appeal rights in her letter denying her appeal. There is no law or regulation that required the school system to inform that Appellant of her appeal rights in this case. *See Harvest Foundation Group v. Baltimore City Bd. of Sch. Comm’rs*, MSBE Op. No. 19-11 (2019)(citing *William M. and Corona S. v. Worcester County Bd. of Educ.*, MSBE Op. No. 13-63 (2013) and cases cited therein). While we encourage school systems to provide this information, it was not mandatory here and the ultimate responsibility for filing the appeal rested with the Appellant.

Because the Appellant has failed to provide an adequate basis for reconsideration of MSBE Order No. OR 20-03, it is this 27th day of May, 2020, ORDERED, by the Maryland State Board of Education, that the request for reconsideration is denied.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Signature on File:

Warner I. Sumpter
President