

C.S.,

Appellant

v.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Appellee.

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND

STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION

Order No. OR25-10

ORDER

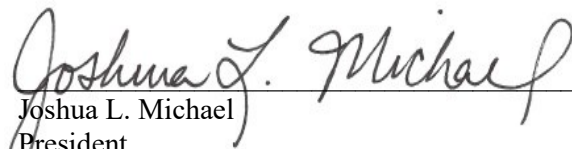
The State Board has reviewed the appeal in this matter and seeks clarification from the local board of some information regarding the change of school assignment (COSA) appeal. We ask the local board to submit answers to the following questions by May 9, 2025:

- The record contains a copy of Regulation JEE-RA – Student Transfers and Administrative Placements. JEE-RA.VIII.B.3 states, “Appeals of COSA denials received by the superintendent of schools/designee before July 1 will be decided prior to the beginning of school.” Given that the COSA appeal was filed with the superintendent on June 24, 2024, but the COSA decision was not issued until September 16, 2024, well beyond the start of the school year, how does the local board explain the June 24, 2024 email from the Appeals Transfer Team to Appellant¹ stating that there is no deadline for making the appeal determination in this case, and what is the applicability of JEE-RA.VIII.B.3 to this situation?
- If there was a procedural violation of JEE-RA.VIII.B.3, what was the harm to the Appellant and her child, if any?
- If the State Board finds that the local board violated its regulation JEE-RA.VIII.B.3 and such a violation led to a substantive harm to the Appellant and her child, what would be an appropriate remedy for the failure to comply with JEE-RA.VIII.B.3?

The Appellant’s response to the local board’s submission is due May 19, 2025.

It is so ORDERED, this 29th day of April 2025, by the Maryland State Board of Education.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION


Joshua L. Michael
President

¹ Appeal, Ex. 5