

INDIA OCHS, ET AL.,

Appellants

v.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Appellee.

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND

STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION

Order No. OR 21-01

ORDER

Appellants challenge the October 7, 2020 decision of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education (“local board”) to adopt a hybrid school reopening plan to be phased in during November 2020. Appellants filed the appeal with the State Board on October 29, 2020.

At its November 4, 2020 meeting, the local board voted to delay the previously approved reopening plan based on updated COVID-19 health metrics and to continue virtual learning through the end of the first semester. Thereafter, the local board filed a motion to dismiss the appeal maintaining that it is now moot because the local board’s October 7 decision, upon which the appeal is based, is no longer in effect. On December 15, 2020, Appellants responded stating that they do not oppose the motion.

Upon consideration of the local board’s motion to dismiss, our review of the pleadings, and Appellants’ statement that they do not oppose the motion, it is this 26th day of January 2021 by the Maryland State Board of Education, ORDERED, that the appeal referenced above is hereby dismissed because it is moot. *See* COMAR 13A.01.05.03B(2). This Order does not preclude the Appellants from appealing a future reopening decision of the local board.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Signature on File:

Clarence C. Crawford
President