

C.S.,
Appellant

v.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION,
Appellee

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND

STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION

Order No. OR25-14

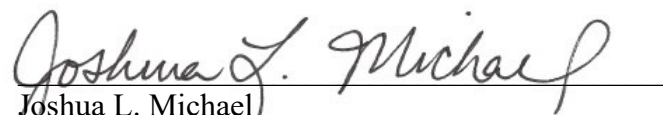
ORDER

Appellant appeals the decision of the Montgomery County Board of Education (“local board”) affirming the denial of her change of school assignment (“COSA”) request for her kindergarten age child to attend the general school program at School A and her *Complaint from the Public* denying the child admission to the language immersion program at School A. Appellant’s two oldest children were already enrolled outside their boundary school in the language immersion program at School A. On May 27, 2025, the Appellant advised the State Board that the child had been admitted to the language immersion program at School A for the first grade beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

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” to be provided. *State v. Neiswanger Mgmt. Servs., LLC*, 457 Md. 441, 455 (2018) (quoting *Frazier v. Castle Ford, Ltd.*, 430 Md. 144, 162-63 (2013)); *Merci I. v. Howard County Bd. of Educ.*, MSDE Op. No. 18-15 (2018). There is no longer an existing controversy between the parties in this case because the child has been admitted to the program and school that Appellant sought to have her child attend through the COSA and language immersion lottery process. Thus, there is no effective remedy that the State Board can provide. Although the Appellant seeks to have the State Board preemptively grant her youngest child admission to the language immersion program at School A for kindergarten beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, that child is not the subject of this appeal and the relief requested is not appropriate here. Appellant will have to go through the existing process for that child’s admission to the language immersion program, and if dissatisfied with the result, she may appeal the decision at that time.

Therefore, it is this 29th day of May 2025, by the Maryland State Board of Education, ORDERED, that the appeal is dismissed because it is moot. *See* COMAR 13A.01.05.03(B)(1)(b).

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Joshua L. Michael
President