

JOAN DAUGHETY,

Appellant,

v.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Appellee.

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND

STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION

Order No. OR26-17

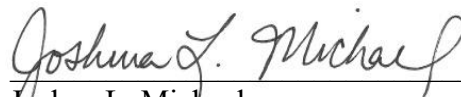
ORDER

Joan Daughety, Appellant, filed an appeal to the State Board regarding a grievance she filed with Anne Arundel County Public Schools (“AACPS”) alleging a breach of contract and failure to comply with the AACPS policies governing substitute teachers. Counsel for Anne Arundel County Board of Education (“local board”) has notified the State Board that this matter remained “in limbo” and the local board “did not issue an order or otherwise cause the appeal to be directed away from the Section 4-205(c) appeal procedures and instead to the negotiated “procedures.” (Response, p. 2). The local board requests that the State Board remand this matter back to the local board so that the local board can issue a decision or take other appropriate action.

The record before us does not contain a decision by the local board as required by Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 4-205(c)(1) for our quasi-judicial review. As we addressed in *Darren L. v. Wicomico County Bd. of Educ.*, MSBE Op. No. 21-43 (2021), this Board has long held that the local board of education must first decide a matter before it is submitted to the State Board on appeal pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 4-205(c).

Accordingly, it is this 23rd day of June 2026, by the Maryland State Board of Education, ORDERED that the appeal is remanded back to the local board for further action so that Appellant may receive a final decision from AACPS in this matter.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



Joshua L. Michael
President