

ALLISON YORK,

Appellant

v.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY (II),

Appellee

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND

STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION

Order No. OR15-05

ORDER

The local board issued its decision affirming Appellant's termination on May 15, 2014. Five months later, on October 10, 2014, Appellant filed this appeal challenging her termination from her teaching position and the underlying unsatisfactory year-end evaluation.

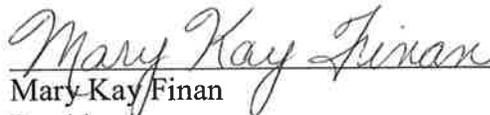
COMAR 13A.01.05.02B(1) provides that an appeal to the State Board "shall be taken within 30 calendar days of the decision of the local board" and that the "30 days shall run from the later of the date of the order or the opinion reflecting the decision."

The Appellant filed this appeal more than 30 days from the date of the local board's order reflecting its decision. Time limitations are generally mandatory and will not be overlooked except in extraordinary circumstances such as fraud or lack of notice. *See Scott v. Board of Educ. of Prince George's County*, 3 Op. MSBE 139 (1983). We therefore dismiss the Appellant's October 10, 2014 appeal to the State Board.¹

Therefore, it is this 19th day of May, 2015 by the Maryland State Board of Education,

ORDERED, that the appeal filed October 10, 2014 is dismissed for untimeliness.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



Mary-Kay Finan
President

¹We point out, however, that the Appellant had previously filed a timely appeal of the local board's termination decision. The original appeal has progressed through much of the appeal process. An administrative law judge issued a proposed decision in the case before the Appellant filed the second appeal. The State Board has heard oral argument in the original case and a decision will be issued soon.