

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** February 8, 2005

**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **POLICY AND RULE 7520 - NEW CONSTRUCTION:**  
**OCCUPYING - NAMING OF THE BUILDING AND DEDICATION**

**ORIGINATOR:** J. Robert Haines, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

**RESOURCE**  
**PERSON(S):** Barbara Burnopp, Executive Director, Fiscal Services

**INFORMATION**

The Department of Fiscal Services is seeking approval of changes to Board Policy 7520 New Construction: Occupying - Naming of the Building and Dedication. This policy was updated as part of the initiative of the Division of Business Services to update outdated Board Policies. The policy was adopted in 1969 and has never been revised. All policies were reviewed by the Board Policy Review Committee on November 10, 2004, and the requested changes were made. This is the first reading of this policy.

Attachment I - Draft revision of Board Policies 7520

NEW CONSTRUCTION: Occupying

Naming of the Building and Dedication

The Board of Education reserves the right to approve, or reject, a name for a new school building upon receiving a recommendation for same from the Superintendent of Schools. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY RESERVES SOLE CONTROL AND AUTHORITY OVER THE NAMING OF ANY SCHOOL. MOREOVER, THE BOARD HEREBY RETAINS THE RIGHT TO RENAME A SCHOOL AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE IF THE NAME IS DEEMED BY THE BOARD TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE EDUCATIONAL MISSION OR OTHERWISE DISRUPTIVE TO THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

Normally, the Board of Education [shall not name buildings for persons living or dead.] MAY NAME A SCHOOL AFTER:

- A. THE COMMUNITY, THE SUBDIVISION, THE STREET ON WHICH IT IS LOCATED
- B. THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL
- C. A SIGNIFICANT AND DISTINGUISHABLE LANDMARK, WHICH WILL IMMEDIATELY ASSIST ANYONE IN LOCATING THE GENERAL AREA OF THE SCHOOL
- D. A DECEASED, PROMINENT PERSON WHO HAS MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION OF SERVICE TO BALTIMORE COUNTY, THE STATE OF MARYLAND, OR TO THE UNITED STATES.

The Board of Education further reserves the right to approve as to design, wording, and placement, or reject, proposals for erecting memorials in the form of plaques or monuments in new school buildings or on their sites. The Superintendent of Schools shall establish administrative procedures for appropriate dedication ceremonies that may be celebrated following completion and occupancy of a new school project.

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7330, CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONATIONS

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7530, NAMING OF A CAPITAL PROJECT OR AREA OF A SCHOOL

Policy  
Adopted: 9/25/69  
REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

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