

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Date:** March 13, 2007  
**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** **PROPOSED DELETION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION 8000 SERIES PREFACE**

**ORIGINATOR:**

**RESOURCE  
PERSON(S):**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education considers the deletion the 800 Series Preface. This is the third reading.

Attachment I – Policy Rationale  
Attachment II – 8000 Series Preface

## POLICY RATIONALE

### Board of Education 8000 Series Preface

#### Statement of issues or questions to be addressed by the proposed policy

The Ad Hoc Policy Committee is in the process of reviewing the Board's Internal policies. As a part of this effort, the Committee reviewed the preface to the 8000 series, Internal Board Policies, is the only one that exists. None of the other seven policy series contains a preface. The Board Committee believes that the preface is outmoded and superfluous and that it should be deleted in its entirety.

#### Fiscal Impact on the school system

No fiscal impact is anticipated or contemplated by this revision.

#### Relationship to other Board of Education Policies

None.

#### Similar Policies adopted by other local school systems

The Board could find no other boards whose policy manuals contain "prefaces." However, the following were of interest:

BALTIMORE CITY'S School Board Rule Manual contains a Foreward.

[http://www.bcps.k12.md.us/School\\_Board/PDF/Foreword.pdf](http://www.bcps.k12.md.us/School_Board/PDF/Foreword.pdf)

HARFORD COUNTY'S policy manual contains an *Introduction*, but there is not a similar preface for each manual section.

<http://www.hcps.org/BOE/PoliciesProcedures/docs/Introduction/Introduction%20to%20Board%20Policy%20Handbook.pdf>

#### Legal Requirements, such as federal, state or local laws or regulations

None.

#### A draft of the proposed policy

See attached

#### Other alternatives that were considered by the Board members

The Board Committee members did not consider other alternatives.

**[PREFACE  
TO  
INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES**

The Board of Education of Baltimore County is subject to applicable portions of the Code of Laws of the State of Maryland and the Bylaws of the Maryland State Board of Education and may adopt additional policies governing its operation if said policies do not conflict with the Code of Bylaws of the Maryland State Board of Education, the Constitution or Public School Laws of the State of Maryland or any other laws to which it is subject.

Many of the following internal Board policies are based upon the Code of Bylaws of the Maryland State Board of Education and the statutes of Maryland. It is not feasible to include all such bylaws *in toto* without impairing the usefulness of this manual as a ready reference to be utilized by a wide range of citizenry, both professional educators and interested laymen, who wish to quickly and easily ascertain the organization, responsibility and method of operation of this Board.

However, where practicable, the bylaw has been included *in toto* but where not practicable, the policy statement indicates meaning and intent of the bylaw as it relates to the operation of the Board of Education of Baltimore County. In all cases where the State Bylaw is not quoted exactly the reader should refer to the Code of Bylaws of the Maryland State Board of Education as referenced on the same page. The State Bylaws include further references to sections of Article 77 of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* when such sections bear directly on the subject of the bylaws.

Finally, policies contained in this manual include legal references which indicate the source of the legal authority of the Board of Education to adopt and execute such policies.]