DATE: July 10, 2007

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: REPORT ON PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4216.2 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board will approve the proposed deletion of Policy 4216.2. This is the first reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 4216.2
Statement of Issues Addressed By the Proposed Revision

The proposed deletion of Policies 4216.1, 4216.2, and 4216.4 is under consideration because the policies serve no purpose except to refer the reader to the appropriate Master Agreement for the grievance procedures for the respective classified employee group.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

There will be no new fiscal impact on the system as a result of the proposed revision.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Other policies with a similar function will also be recommended for deletion.

Legal Requirement

State law requires that collective bargaining agreements be reduced to writing. The grievance procedures are set forth in the respective Master Agreements (MD Ed. Code Ann. §6-408(a))

Similar Policies Adopted by Other School Systems

The Maryland subdivisions treat this subject differently. For example, Montgomery County includes the entire grievance procedure in Regulation GKB-RB, while Anne Arundel County (Policy 800.33) has vague language similar to BCPS Policies 4216.1, 4216.2, and 4216.4. Carroll County has no language in policy that references grievances. The Maryland subdivisions include specific language regarding the grievance procedures in their Master Agreements.

Policies to be Deleted

See attached

Other Alternative Considered By Staff

Consideration was given to updating the language and combining the three policies (4216.1, 4216.2, and 4216.4) into one policy. After conversations with the Law Office, it was determined that these policies, as written, serve no functional purpose.
PERSONNEL: Classified

General: Grievance Procedures, Maintenance and Operations

The policy on this subject is printed in the Master Agreement with Council 67/Local 434 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.