

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: April 8, 2008

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY 1260 – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

ORIGINATOR: Kara Calder, Chief Communications Officer

**RESOURCE
PERSON(S):**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education considers the proposed changes to Policy 1260. This is the first reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 1260

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
Policy Analysis for Proposed Revision to Policy 1260
COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement, School Volunteers

Statement of Issues Addressed by the Proposed Policy Revision

Policy 1260 has not been reviewed since it was adopted in 1978. It should be revised to clearly state the objectives of the BCPS volunteer program and include language to direct the Superintendent of Schools to establish volunteer program procedures.

Cost Analysis

There will be no new fiscal impact on the system.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Board of Education Policy 8363

Board of Education Policy 4004

Board of Education Policy 2352

Legal Requirement

No legal requirement to have a volunteer program.

Operation of a volunteer program related to the following:

- Annotated Code of Maryland Education Article §4-105 (Comprehensive liability insurance; defense of sovereign immunity). Board shall carry comprehensive liability insurance to protect the board and its agents and employees.
- Annotated Code of Maryland Education Article §6-106 (Volunteer Aides). County Board may use volunteer aides in school activities in county.
- Annotated Code of Maryland Criminal Procedure Article §11-722 (Entry onto school or day care property prohibited). Registered sex offenders are prohibited from school property.
- Annotated Code of Maryland Education Article 4-106 (Immunity of county board employees, volunteers and board members). Volunteer shall have immunity from liability described under 5-518 of the Courts Article.

Similar Policies Adopted by Other School Systems

Policies and procedures of Carroll County Public Schools were reviewed.

Draft of Proposed Policy

See attached.

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

No other alternatives were considered

First Reader, April 8, 2008

Citizen Comment, April 22, 2008

Proposed Date of Approval, May 6, 2008

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement

School Volunteers

Board of Education of Baltimore County (THE BOARD) RECOGNIZES THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM BY PARENTS, GUARDIANS, BUSINESSES, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS PROVIDES IMPORTANT SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS AND HELPS FOSTER STRONG SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS. THEREFORE, THE BOARD SUPPORTS THE USE OF VOLUNTEERS IN INSTRUCTIONAL AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN A MANNER THAT PROMOTES SAFE AND ORDERLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

[supports the use of volunteers in instructional programs and non-instructional activities within the school. Volunteers represent a great asset to the school not only in terms of the help they give to teachers and students, but also in helping to develop good school-community relationships]

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8363
 BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 4004
 BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 2352

Legal References: [Ann. Code of Pub. Gen. Laws of Md. Art. 77 §112A Assistance of volunteer aides; aides considered as agents of boards of education for purposes of comprehensive liability insurance and worker’s compensation.]
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §4-105
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §4-106
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §6-106

Policy
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REVISED: _____

Board of Education of Baltimore County