

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: May 6, 2008

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 6145.7 – INSTRUCTION: EXTRA CLASS ACTIVITIES, DRAMA GUIDELINES**

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the proposed deletion of Policy 6145.7. This is the third reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 6145.7

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Policy Analysis for Proposed Deletion of Policy 6145.7 *Guidelines for Drama Productions*

Statement of Issues Addressed by the Proposed Policy

Policy 6145.7 is a policy which has been in existence since 1982 and describes only dramatic productions. It is part of the 6145 Sub Series describing instructional philosophical understandings related to extracurricular activities. The accompanying rule is dedicated only to *Guidelines for Drama Productions* which was a BEBCO form when the policy was written. The Board of Education has approved a new Policy 6145, Extracurricular Activities, and a new Rule 6145 is currently being written to include content from all the 6145 Sub Series, dealing with extracurricular activities not covered by other policies or COMAR. Policy and Rule 6145.7 are recommended for deletion because the language related to extracurricular activities is now part of Policy 6145, Extracurricular Activities. The *Guidelines for Drama Productions* will become a form included with Rule 6145.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

Recommendations to delete this policy do not create additional fiscal impact on the school system.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Policy 6145, *Extracurricular Activities*

Legal Requirement

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article § 7-108; COMAR 13A.08.01.09

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

Policies and rules from:

1. Anne Arundel County, 909 *Extracurricular Programs*;
2. Cecil County, IGD, *Co-curricular and Extracurricular Activities*;
3. Frederick County, Section 509, *Extracurricular Activities*;
4. Montgomery County, IQB-RA, *Co-curricular and Extracurricular Activities*; and IQC-RA, *Procedures for Use of Professional Performing Companies, Individuals, or Workshops*; were reviewed and analyzed.

Draft of Proposed Policies and Rules – (see attached)

Policy 6145.7

Other Alternatives Considered By Staff

Make additional changes to Policy and Rule 6145.7

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Citizen Comment, April 22, 2008

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INSTRUCTION: Extra-class Activities

Guidelines for Drama Productions

The dramatic production, whether it be a play or a musical, can be a potent educational force, providing opportunities for students of all abilities and aptitudes to realize the significant contributions they are making to a group effort. Whether building a set, sewing a costume, playing a musical instrument, pulling a curtain, or standing in the spotlight, every participant in the production plays a major role when it comes to the quality of the overall production. Consequently, the primary concern of the professional staff must be the educational merit of the experience being provided to students. Furthermore, something as elaborate, time-consuming, and complex as the dramatic production requires that thoughtful consideration of many factors undergird the choice of the play/musical.