

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** May 6, 2008

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

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

**SUBJECT:** **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES OF BOARD OF  
EDUCATION POLICY 6111 – INSTRUCTION: SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**ORIGINATOR:** Kara Calder, Chief Communications Officer

**RESOURCE  
PERSON(S):**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education considers the changes to Policy 6111. This is the first reading of this policy.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis  
Attachment II – Proposed Policy 6111

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY**  
**Policy Analysis for Proposed Revision to Policy 6111**  
School Calendar

Statement of Issues Addressed by the Proposed Policy Revision

Staff recommends one minor change to Policy 6111 to update the proper reference to the Board of Education. Other than this change, no amendment is recommended to the policy because, upon review, Policy 6111 supports current practice and is consistent with Board of Education goals and objectives.

Cost Analysis

There will be no negative or positive fiscal impact on the system as a result of this change.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Policy 6000, Instruction  
Rule 6114, Severe Weather

Legal Requirement

*Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article, §7-103, COMAR 13A.02.01.04  
(Both mandate the creation of a school calendar)

Similar Policies Adopted by Other School Systems

Harford County Public Schools, Section 20 – *District Management*, Policy 0002-000, *School Calendar*

Draft of Proposed Policy

See attached.

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

No other alternatives were considered

Timeline:

- First reading – May 6, 2008
- Public comment – May 20, 2008
- Third reading – June 10, 2008

INSTRUCTION: SCHEDULES

School Calendar

The school calendar must be developed to support the effective delivery of the instructional program. The calendar must meet legal requirements for both days and hours of instructional time and reflect school closings that are required by law. The school calendar, adopted annually by the Board of Education OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD), will ordinarily provide for more than the minimum days required by law in order to anticipate emergency closings and late openings for inclement weather or other systemwide emergencies. The school calendar must observe mandated federal, state, and Board-approved assessments.

Each year, the Superintendent [of Schools] shall submit a proposed calendar to the Board [of Education] for its approval.

Legal Reference: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article, §7-103[(a), (c)]  
[COMAR 13A.03.02.05]  
COMAR 13A.02.01.04

Policy  
Adopted: 11/21/68  
Revised: 9/9/02  
READOPTED:

Board of Education of Baltimore County