

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** May 6, 2008

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

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

**SUBJECT:** **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 6161.2 –  
INSTRUCTION: EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**

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

**RESOURCE  
PERSON(S):** Yvonne Barhight, Acting Assistant Superintendent, Humanities

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education considers the deletion of Policy 6161.2. This is the first reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis  
Attachment II – Policy 6161.2

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY**  
**Policy Analysis for Proposed Revision to Policy 6161.2**  
**INSTRUCTION Equipment and Supplies**

Statement of Issues Addressed by the Proposed Policy Revision

Policy 6161.2 is being recommended for deletion. The policy states: “The Board of Education discourages the distribution to children of free school supplies which carry advertising space.” Policy 8362 entitled *ETHICS CODE: Gifts* references gifts to the Board, schools, and offices within the school system and states: “To be acceptable, a gift must meet the following criteria . . . not imply endorsement of any business or product.” Policy 8360 defines *gift* as: “the transfer of anything of economic value, regardless of the form, without adequate and lawful consideration. . . .” Therefore, Policy 6161.2 violates Ethics Code Policy 8362.

Cost Analysis

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

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Deletion will not affect any other Board policy. However, related Superintendent’s Rule 6161.3 entitled *INSTRUCTION Supplementary Materials* is scheduled for revision and will need to reflect the deletion as well as the concepts contained in the Ethics Code policies.

Legal Requirement

Deletion does not affect legal requirements.

Similar Policies Adopted by Other School Systems

Policies for Montgomery County (*Board of Education Policy IIB* entitled *Instructional Resources Evaluation and Selection* and *Board of Education Policy CNA* entitled *Informational Materials and Announcements*), Prince Georges County (*Board of Education Policy 6180.1* entitled *Evaluation and Selection of Classroom Instructional Materials*), and Howard County (*Board of Education Policy 8040* entitled *Selection of Instructional Materials*) were reviewed. There are no policies similar to Policy 6161.2.

Draft of Proposed Policy

See attached.

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

N/A

Timeline:

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

INSTRUCTION

Equipment and Supplies

The Board of Education discourages the distribution to children of free school supplies which carry advertising space.

Policy  
Adopted: 11/21/68]

Board of Education of Baltimore County