

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: December 16, 2008

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
1200 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT**

ORIGINATOR: Kara Calder, Chief Communications Officer

**RESOURCE
PERSON(S):**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education considers the proposed changes to Policy 1200. This is the first reading of this policy.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Proposed Policy 1200

**Policy Analysis for
Board of Education Policy 1200
Community Involvement**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

Board of Education Policy 1200 has not been reviewed since it was adopted in 1969. Since that time, a number of policies and rules have been adopted that define with specificity some of the information covered in Policy 1200. The suggested revisions communicate the Board's desire for continuing community involvement.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

No fiscal impact is anticipated by the deletion of this policy.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Board of Education Policy 1210, *Relationship with Parent-Teacher (Student) Associations*

Board of Education Policy 1220, *Citizen Advisory Committees*

Board of Education Policy 1230, *Area Education Advisory Councils*

Board of Education Policy 1270, *Family/Community Involvement*

Legal Requirements

20 U.S.C. §6318 (No Child Left Behind Act of 2001)

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Montgomery County, Policy ABA, *Community Involvement*

2. Montgomery County, Policy ABC, *Parental Involvement*

3. Howard County, Policy 10000, *Parent, Family, and Community Involvement*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

Staff considered deleting the policy, which was rejected in favor of revising the policy.

Timeline:

First reading: December 16, 2008

Public comment: January 13, 2009

Third reading: February 10, 2009

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement

[The Superintendent of Schools is encouraged to arrange countywide and area meetings for the purpose of involving the public in the school budget process. In addition, public meetings shall be held periodically to acquaint the public with the curriculum and other aspects of the school program.

The Superintendent of Schools and the staff shall cooperate with PTAs and other citizen groups in providing speakers and information for meetings at which the school program is discussed.

The Superintendent and the staff shall consider involving interested members of the community in developing new curriculum, new policies, the budget process and other facets of education as often as appropriate.

All regular meetings of the Board of Education are open to the public. Citizens desiring to be heard at the meeting of the Board of Education are requested to communicate with the Superintendent of Schools with respect to this desire, preferably at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting, in order that their request may be place on the agenda.]

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND INPUT REGARDING THE SCHOOL BUDGET PROCESS, ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, BOARD POLICIES, AND OTHER SCHOOL SYSTEM ACTIVITIES.

THE BOARD DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ESTABLISH MECHANISMS TO ENHANCE THE PUBLIC’S UNDERSTANDING OF AND INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL SYSTEM ACTIVITIES.

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1210
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1220
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1230
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1270

Policy
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Board of Education of Baltimore County