

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: November 3, 2009

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED DELETION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1301 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the deletion of Policy 1301. This is the third reading of this policy.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Proposed Policy 1301

**Policy Analysis for
Board of Education Policy 1301
Community Relations**

Statement of Issues Addressed or Questions Addressed

Board of Education Policy 1301 is being recommended for deletion because relevant information is included in Policy 1300, Use of School Facilities.

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

None

Legal Requirement

None

Similar Policies Adopted by Other School Systems

Several school systems were reviewed (Montgomery, Harford, Prince George's, Carroll, Cecil, Garrett County Public Schools, and Baltimore City Public Schools). Montgomery County is the only LEA with a separate policy for child care.

Montgomery County Public Schools, Policy KGC, *Child Care*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

None

Timeline:

First reading – September 22, 2009

Public comment – October 6, 2009

Third reading – November 3, 2009

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Use of School Facilities

Child Care

The primary mission of the Baltimore County Public Schools is to plan, organize, and implement the highest quality instructional and co-curricular programs for our students.

The critical need of working parents and guardians to feel assured that their school-aged children have a safe child care environment also is recognized.

Education and child care can co-exist where appropriate in-school facilities are available and child care does not interfere with the implementation of instructional and co-curricular programs.

The Baltimore County Public Schools are committed to working cooperatively with child care providers in support of quality child care.

School-aged child care shall function in Baltimore County Public Schools for children attending kindergarten and higher grades. Licensed, insured, non-profit, i.e., IRS-501(c)(3), designated child care providers may lease space in an existing facility on an annual basis. The Principal and Area Assistant Superintendent, in conjunction with the Executive Assistant, Division of Physical Facilities, will decide child care issues in a particular school, e.g., feasibility, room usage, displacement, etc.

Only school-aged children enrolled in the specific elementary school housing the child care program may be accepted by the provider. (Exceptions are middle schools, high schools, and schools of technology which meet the necessary criteria.) Children living within the boundary of the school housing child care will receive first priority. Second priority is given to children enrolled in the school by special permission.

The annual lease agreement prepared by the Executive Assistant, Division of Physical Facilities, will clarify related concerns including costs, responsibilities, licensing, areas of use, and insurance. The school principal has primary control of the administrative aspects of housing a child care program.

Providers also will pay for costs related to additional energy and licensing when applicable. Licensing inspection requirements are the responsibility of the provider. During holidays and inclement weather days, child care providers may continue to operate in schools when a school custodian is available and on duty at no additional cost to the Baltimore County Public Schools. Rooms used for child care will receive the same basic custodial services as the remainder of the building. All maintenance-related activities shall receive prior

approval from the Executive Assistant, Division of Physical Facilities, and be arranged, completed, and/or supervised by the Division of Physical Facilities. Billing and the collection of charges will be handled through the Executive Assistant, Division of Physical Facilities, and the Department of Accounting, Division of Business and Finance.

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Board of Education of Baltimore County