DATE: November 17, 2009
TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent
SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 2370 – ADMINISTRATION: CONDUCT
ORIGINATOR: J. Robert Haines, Deputy Superintendent
RESOURCE PERSON(S): Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 2370. This is the first reading of this policy.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Proposed Policy 2370
Policy Analysis for  
Board of Education Policy 2370  
Conduct

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed
Board of Education Policy 2370 does not clearly outline the scope of authority available to the Superintendent concerning behavior. As revised, the policy applies to all persons who are on BCPS-owned or leased property, school buses, and at offsite, school-sponsored activities. The policy is clearly aligned with the Board goal to maintain a safe and orderly learning and working environment.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System
No fiscal impact is anticipated by the recommended revisions.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies
Board of Education Policy 5500, Conduct  
Board of Education Policy 5510, School Discipline  
Board of Education Policy 5550, Disruptive Behavior  
Board of Education Policy 5560, Suspensions, Assignment to Alternative Programs, or Expulsions

Legal Requirements
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article,  
§4-205, Powers and duties of a county superintendent  
§26-101, Disturbing activities at school or college, molesting or threatening students  
§26-102, Trespass on the grounds of a public institution of elementary, secondary or higher education  
§26-103, Drinking or possessing intoxicating beverages on school premises

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems
Anne Arundel County Public Schools,  
Policy Code 503, KD, Visitors to the Schools  
Policy Code 506, Letter KG, Violence and Vandalism  
Howard County Public Schools, Policy 3020, Trespassing or Willful Disturbance  
Montgomery County Public Schools  
Policy COC-RA, Trespassing or Willful Disturbance on MCPS Property  
Policy COF-RA, Intoxicants on MCPS Property

Draft of Proposed Policy
Attached
Other Alternatives Considered by Staff
No other alternatives were considered.

Timeline for Adoption
First reading – November 17, 2009
Public comment – December 1, 2009
Third reading/vote – January 12, 2010
ADMINISTRATION: Administrative Operations

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I. ONE OF THE PRIMARY GOALS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND ORDERLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

II. THE BOARD DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ESTABLISH RULES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS THE CONDUCT OF ALL PERSONS ON SCHOOL-OWNED OR LEASED PROPERTY, ALL SCHOOL BUSES, BOARD-OWNED VEHICLES, AND OFFSITE SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL BOARD POLICIES, SUPERINTENDENT’S RULES, AND APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS. [The Superintendent of Schools is expected to develop administrative procedures to assure proper conduct of all persons while on school premises. All disciplinary policies and rules shall apply to school buses and all offsite school-sponsored activities.

Also see policies and rules on Student Conduct, Discipline, and Suspension and Expulsion in Series 5000, Students.]

LEGAL REFERENCES:  
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE, §4-205, POWERS AND DUTIES OF A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT
§26-101, DISTURBING ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL OR COLLEGE, MOLESTING OR THREATENING STUDENTS
§26-102, TRESPASS ON THE GROUNDS OF A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, OR HIGHER EDUCATION
§26-103, DRINKING OR POSSESSING INTOXICATING BEVERAGES ON SCHOOL PREMISES

RELATED POLICIES:  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5500, CONDUCT
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5510, SCHOOL DISCIPLINE
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5550, DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5560, SUSPENSIONS, ASSIGNMENT TO ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS, OR EXPULSIONS

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