

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: July 13, 2010

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8350 – INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: OPERATIONS-COUNSEL**

ORIGINATOR: Margaret-Ann Howie, Esquire, General Counsel

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Patricia Clark, Policy and Compliance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the proposed changes to Policy 8350.
This is the third reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 8350

**Policy Analysis for
Board of Education Policy 8350
Counsel**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

Board of Education Policy 8350 has not been revised since it was first adopted in 1972. The recommended revisions are stylistic only and reflect current terminology and format.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

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

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

None

Legal Requirements

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, §4-104, Counsel

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Policy 201.02, Letter BBB, *Board Attorney*
2. Baltimore City Public Schools, Article 2, *General Counsel*
3. Frederick County Public Schools, Policy 106.5, *Legal Counsel*
4. Montgomery County Public Schools, Policy BOA-EA, *Retention of Counsel by Board of Education, Administration of Office of County Superintendent, and Powers and Duties of County Superintendent (State Laws)*
5. Prince George's County Public Schools, Policy 9250, *Attorney*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

None

Timeline

First Reading – May 18, 2010

Second Reading – June 15, 2010

Third Reading/Vote – July 13, 2010

INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Operations

Counsel

- I. It shall be the policy of the Board OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) to utilize legal counsel, as provided by law, whenever such counsel is deemed necessary or appropriate.

Legal Reference: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article § 4-104, *Counsel*

Policy
Adopted: 04/13/72
REVISED: _____

Board of Education of Baltimore County