

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: September 7, 2010

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 2372 – TOBACCO**

ORIGINATOR: Michele Prumo, Chief of Staff

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Dale R. Rauenzahn, Executive Director, Student Support Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the proposed changes to Policy 2372. This is the third reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 2372

**Policy Analysis for
Board of Education Policy 2372
Tobacco**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

Board of Education Policy 2372 is being reviewed to ensure alignment with COMAR regulations, resulting in minor edits.

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

COMAR 13A.02.03.01, *Scope*

COMAR 13A.02.03.02, *Definitions*

COMAR 13A.02.03.03, *Tobacco Use*

COMAR 13A.02.03.04, *Notification of a Tobacco-Free Environment*

COMAR 13A.02.03.05, *Tobacco-Free Guidelines*

COMAR13A.08.01.08, *Substance Use or Distribution*

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Anne Arundel County Board of Education, Policy GAC, *Drug-, Alcohol-, and Tobacco-Free Work Environments*
2. Frederick County Board of Education, Policy 112, *Drug-Free, Alcohol-Free, and Tobacco-Free Workplace and School System*
3. Harford County Board of Education, Policy 20-00400999, *Use of Tobacco Products*
4. Montgomery County Board of Education, Policy COH-EA, *Tobacco-free School Environment*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

None

Timelines:

First reading: July 13, 2010

Public comment: August 10, 2010

Third reading: September 7, 2010

ADMINISTRATION: Administrative Operations

Conduct: Tobacco

I. PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Education of Baltimore County (BOARD) is committed to providing a T[T]obacco-F[F]ree work environment for its students and employees. Due to the evidence concerning the health effects of tobacco use, smoking, and passive smoke, Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) prohibits the sale and use of any form of tobacco in ANY school system PROPERTY AT ANY TIME [owned or leased buildings, grounds, and vehicles at all times (24 hours a day, every day)] regardless of whether or not students are present.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

The Board [Of Education] directs the Superintendent to [maintain a Tobacco-Free environment.] DEVELOP APPROPRIATE RULES AND PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY.

Legal ReferenceS: [COMAR 13A.02.04.01.--.07]
COMAR 13A.02.03.01, *Scope*
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