

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: October 5, 2010
TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**
FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent
SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD NORMS**
ORIGINATOR: Earnest E. Hines, Board President
**RESOURCE
PERSON (S):**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the proposed revisions to the Board Norms.

Attachment I – Board Norms



BOARD NORMS

FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

OUR FOCUS: MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL OF OUR CHILDREN IN ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS

- We will treat each other with respect by:
 - Listening attentively,
 - Coming prepared to participate, and
 - Considering all points of view.
- We will interact respectfully with:
 - Members of the community,
 - Public officials,
 - The Superintendent, school system staff, and students, and
 - Each other.
- We will communicate openly and honestly using established protocols.
 - **MAKING REQUESTS FOR BCPS INFORMATION OR STAFF ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE SUPERINTENDENT, AND**
 - **TO INTERACT WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS.**
- We will adhere to standards of ethical conduct and maintain confidentiality, particularly in the areas of closed sessions and administrative function sessions **INCLUDING WHEN INTERACTING WITH BCPS STAFF, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND THE COMMUNITY.**
- We will recognize and support our collective decision-making responsibility.
- We will continually strive to expand our knowledge of public education and skills in governance through:
 - Conferences
 - Workshops
 - Seminars
 - Books and publications
 - Retreats

Board Norms

Adopted: 09/15/03

Revised: 08/28/05

Revised: 09/09/08

Readopted: 09/08/09

REVISED: _____

Board of Education of Baltimore County