

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** March 22, 2011

**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 1270,  
PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

**ORIGINATOR:** Roger Plunkett, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction

**RESOURCE  
PERSON(S):** William Burke, Executive Director, Professional Development

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 1270.  
This is the first reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis  
Attachment II – Policy 1270

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1270  
PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

**Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed**

The *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* mandates that local education agencies (which would include the Board of Education of Baltimore County) develop a written parental involvement policy. Additionally, the Act requires each LEA to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served with Title I, Part A funds. During this year's annual review, community stakeholders recommended that the policy explicitly reflect this annual evaluation requirement. Thus, the Implementation Section of the policy has been revised to include this legal requirement, as this has been requested by the community stakeholders. In addition, the policy's title and the rule's title remove the word "guardian," because the term "parent" as defined in rule, includes legal guardians and custodians.

**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**

1. Board of Education Policy 1100, *Communication with the Public*
2. Board of Education Policy 1200, *Community Involvement*
3. Board Of Education Policy 1210, *Parent-Teacher (Student) Associations*
4. Board of Education Policy 1220, *Citizens Advisory Committee*
5. Board Of Education Policy 1230, *Area Education Advisory Councils (AEAC)*
6. Board of Education Policy 1240, *Visits to Schools*
7. Board of Education Policy 1250, *Participation in the Local School by Community Members*
8. Board of Education Policy 1260, *School Volunteers*

**Legal Requirements**

1. 20 U.S.C. §6301, *et seq.*, *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, as amended by Section 1118(a)(2) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*
2. *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §4-112, *Advisory Committees*

**Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems**

1. Anne Arundel County Board of Education, Policy KH, *Parent/Family/Community Involvement*
2. Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, Policy KCA, *Family and Community Engagement Policy*
3. Calvert County Board of Education, Policy 8123, *(Community) of the Board of Education Regarding Parent, Family, and Community Involvement*
4. Carroll County Board of Education, Policy KC, *Parent/Family/Community Involvement*
5. Harford County Board of Education, Policy 10-0004-000, *Parent/Community Involvement*

6. Howard County Board of Education, Policy 10000, *Parent, Family, and Community Involvement*
7. Montgomery County Board of Education, Policy ABA, *Community Involvement*
8. Prince George's County Board of Education, Policy 0105, *Parent Involvement in Schools*

**Draft of Proposed Policy**

Attached

**Other Alternatives Considered by Staff**

No other alternatives were considered.

**Timeline**

First reading – March 22, 2011

Public comment – April 5, 2011

Third reading/vote – May 10, 2011

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement

Parent [/Guardian] and Family Involvement

I. Philosophy

The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) recognizes that schools, parents[/guardians], families, and communities must work together to mutually support student achievement. The Board values school, parent/guardian, family, and community involvement as integral to the academic success of all students [both in school and at home].

II. DEFINITION

CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 1118 OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT, BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1270, ALONG WITH ITS IMPLEMENTING SUPERINTENDENT’S RULE AND SCHOOL SYSTEM PROCEDURES, SHALL CONSTITUTE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM’S *PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY*.

III. [II.] Implementation

- A. The Board directs the Superintendent to develop appropriate rules and procedures to implement this policy.
- B. THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE *NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT 2001* AS IT RELATES TO PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT, INCLUDING AN ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE CONTENT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULE AND PROCEDURES.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. §6301, *et seq.*, *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 1118(A)(2) OF THE *ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT* (ESEA)  
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Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 1100, *Communication with the Public*  
Board of Education Policy 1200, *Community Involvement*  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1210, *PARENT-TEACHER  
(STUDENT) ASSOCIATIONS*  
Board of Education Policy 1220, *Citizens Advisory Committee*  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1230, *AREA EDUCATION  
ADVISORY COUNCILS (AEAC)*  
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Board of Education Policy 1250, *Participation in the Local School  
by Community Members*  
Board of Education Policy 1260, *School Volunteers*  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 4002, *PRECEPTS, BELIEFS, AND  
VALUES OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS*

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