
Board of Education President's Report

April 5, 2011

Purpose: The Board is continually asked questions concerning many areas of our educational system. They come from public testimony, inquires to Board members, public hearings on capital and operating budgets, and area advisory councils. Some are local to individual schools, while others cross the system. Each month during this portion of our meeting, I will provide a report which will be in response to some public concerns that Board members have become aware of. My responses will not address personnel, legal, or confidential matters.

Public Comment

Issue: Policy and Rule 1300

Response: During the Board of Education Retreat on March 19, 2011, the Board of Education requested that staff review the policy and rule and consider changes that would assist in making school buildings more accessible for community groups.

Other Items

News Release: Independent reports show rising rates of college attendance, benefits of higher education for BCPS graduates

College attendance rates for Baltimore County Public Schools graduates have increased from 2002 to 2010 across racial and gender divisions while obtaining college degrees has a lasting impact on former students' ability to find employment and earn higher wages, according to studies presented to the Board of Education of Baltimore County at its work session on Tuesday, March 22.

The school system's Office of Research, Accountability, and Assessment presented the results of both a Student Tracker Study, conducted by the National Student Clearinghouse, and a study of post-secondary and workforce outcomes, prepared by the University of Baltimore's Jacob France Institute. Report summaries are available for online viewing at <http://www.bcps.org/board/exhibits/2011/032211ExhibitM.PDF>.