

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** September 6, 2011

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

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

**SUBJECT:** **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 2342, TEACHER ATTENDANCE AT PARENT-TEACHER (STUDENT) ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

**ORIGINATOR:** Renee A. Foose, Deputy Superintendent

**RESOURCE PERSON(S):** Michele Prumo, Chief of Staff  
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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 2342. This is the third reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis  
Attachment II – Policy 2342

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 2342  
TEACHER ATTENDANCE AT PARENT-TEACHER (STUDENT) ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

**Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed**

Board of Education Policy 2342 has not been reviewed since its adoption in 1981. Policy 2342 currently refers the reader to the “policy” on teacher attendance at PTA meetings in the Board’s Master Agreement with the Teachers Association of Baltimore County (TABCO). Staff is recommending that the policy be revised to: (1) define the Board’s philosophy statement by linking teacher attendance at PT(S)A meetings with the Board’s commitment to family and community involvement; (2) encourage teacher participation in their school’s PT(S)A meetings in order to promote the school system’s education program; (3) change all references to “PTA” to “PT(S)A” to align with current Board policies; and (4) conform with the Policy Review Committee’s editing conventions.

**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 1210, *Relationship with Parent-Teacher (Student) Associations*
2. Board of Education Policy 1250, *Participation in the Local School by Community Members*
3. Board of Education Policy 1270, *Parent and Family Involvement*

**Legal Requirements**

None

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

1. Dorchester County Board of Education, Policy 832.0, *School Community Relations: Parent-Teacher-Student Organizations*
2. Harford County Board of Education, Policy 10-0003-000, *Relationship with Parent-Teacher Associations*
3. Somerset County Board of Education, Policy 800-5, *Relations with Parent Organizations*
4. St. Mary’s County Board of Education, Policy KBE, *Relations with Parent Organizations*
5. Talbot County Board of Education, Policy 11.10, *Relations with Parent Organizations*

**Draft of Proposed Policy**

Attached

**Other Alternatives Considered by Staff**

Staff considered deletion of the policy; however, Article X, Section 10.7.10 of the TABCO Master Agreement provides that attendance at PTA meetings will be in accordance with established policy. Therefore, staff deemed it necessary to retain the policy and revise it accordingly.

**Timeline**

First Reading – July 12, 2011

Public Comment – August 9, 2011

Third Reading – September 6, 2011

ADMINISTRATION: Administrative Operations

[School Administration] Teacher Attendance at PARENT-TEACHER (STUDENT) ASSOCIATION [PTA] Meetings

I. PHILOSOPHY

- A. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) RECOGNIZES THAT THE COMBINED INVOLVEMENT OF ITS TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS SUPPORTS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. THE BOARD FURTHER BELIEVES THAT ITS LOCAL PARENT-TEACHER (STUDENT) ASSOCIATIONS (PT(S)A) SUPPORT THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO FAMILY AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PROVIDE A VITAL LINK TO PROMOTING THE SCHOOL SYSTEM'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.
- B. THE BOARD ENCOURAGES TEACHERS TO JOIN AND PARTICIPATE IN THEIR SCHOOL'S PT(S)A MEETINGS AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO USE THIS IMPORTANT FORUM TO PROMOTE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TO ITS PARENTS AND COMMUNITY.

[Policy on this subject is printed in the Master Agreement with the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, Maryland, Inc.]

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1210, *RELATIONSHIP WITH PARENT-TEACHER (STUDENT) ASSOCIATIONS*  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1250, *PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS*  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1270, *PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT*

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