

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: October 25, 2011

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1250 – PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

ORIGINATOR: Renee A. Foose, Deputy Superintendent

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Michele O. Prumo, Chief of Staff

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed deletion to Policy 1250 – *Participation in the Local School by Community Members*. This is the first reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 1250

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1250
PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

In accordance with Board of Education Policy and Superintendent's Rule 8130, Board of Education Policy 1250 is scheduled for review in school year 2011-2012. Policy 1250 concerns participation of community members in our schools. Staff is recommending that Policy 1250 be deleted because Policy 1270, *Parent and Family Involvement*, is required to be reviewed annually by the No Child Left Behind Act and includes community involvement as integral to academic success of all students; further, Policy 1270's implementing Rule encourages communication, volunteerism, collaboration with the community, and partnerships. Finally, Policy 1200, *Community Involvement*, further outlines the Board's support of community participation and input regarding the school budget, academic programs, Board policies, and other school system activities. As such, the policy is redundant and should be deleted.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

No fiscal impact is anticipated by the deletion 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 1260, *School Volunteers*
5. Board of Education Policy 1270, *Parent and Family Involvement*

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)*

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*
9. Prince George's County Board of Education, Policy 1351, *Community Relations: Roles and Responsibilities of Parents*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

No other alternatives were considered.

Timeline

First reading – October 25, 2011

Public comment – November 8, 2011

Third reading/vote – December 6, 2011

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement

Participation in the Local School By Community Members

The Board of Education of Baltimore County encourages interest and support of community members with regard to the program of education in its schools. It is evident that meaningful involvement by, and partnership with, members of the community offers the potential to produce an improved educational environment for all students. Community members may include parents/guardians, parent groups, businesses, civic groups, and various concerned individuals.

In order to provide for community involvement:

1. The principal will continue to maintain year-round, regular channels of communication with parents/guardians and other community members to provide information about school programs, resources, policies, issues and performance. Information the principal believes may be of interest to the community or in which persons have indicated an interest, should be shared with the community.
2. The principal will continue to provide opportunities for the local community to:
 - a. Offer feedback on issues that pertain to the local school; and
 - b. Become familiar with local school rules and procedures.

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Board of Education of Baltimore County