DATE: November 22, 2011

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3310, FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

ORIGINATOR: Renee A. Foose, Deputy Superintendent

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Kara Calder, Executive Director of Planning and Support Operations

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes of Policy 3310. This is the first reading

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 3310
POLICY ANALYSIS FOR
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3310
PURPOSE, RENAMED AS
“FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES”

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed
In accordance with Board of Education Policy and Superintendent’s Rule 8130, Policy 3310 is scheduled for review in school year 2011-2012. Policy 3310 describes the school food service program and the role of the Office of Food and Nutrition Services in supporting the educational program. Policy 3310 has been revised to: (1) rename the policy to “Food and Nutrition Services” to more clearly identify the intent of the policy; (2) include a policy statement; (3) outline the types of food service programs available, including the provision of free or reduced-price meals for eligible students; (4) include an implementation statement; and (5) 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 1300, Use of School Facilities
2. Board of Education Policy 3330, Food Service Finance
3. Board of Education Policy 5470, Wellness

Legal Requirements
1. 42 U.S.C. §§1751, et seq., National School Lunch Act, as amended
2. 42 U.S.C. §1758(b), Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended
3. 42 U.S.C. §§1771, et seq., Child Nutrition Act, as amended
4. Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §§7-601 to -605, Subsidized and Free Feeding Programs
5. Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §§7-701 to -704, Breakfast Program
6. COMAR 13A.06.01, Programs for Food and Nutrition

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems
1. Anne Arundel County Board of Education, Policy EB, Student Nutrition Services

Draft of Proposed Policy
Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff
No other options were considered.

Timeline
First reading – November 22, 2011
Public comment – December 6, 2011
Third reading/vote – January 10, 2012
I. POLICY STATEMENT

A. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) BELIEVES THAT SOUND NUTRITION CONTRIBUTES TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT BY ENSURING ALL STUDENTS ARE OFFERED WELL-BALANCED MEALS IN ORDER TO GROW, LEARN, AND MAINTAIN GOOD HEALTH.

B. THE BOARD FURTHER RECOGNIZES THE ROLE OF the Office of Food and Nutrition Services IN SUPPORTING THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM BY PROVIDING NUTRITIOUS MEALS IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT MEETS PROPER SANITATION AND HEALTH STANDARDS AND CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

II. POSITION

A. THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS WILL BE PROVIDED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH SERVICE, SUMMER FOOD SERVICE, AND THE AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM.

B. ELIGIBLE BCPS STUDENTS SHALL BE PROVIDED MEALS WITHOUT COST OR AT REDUCED COST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE GUIDELINES.

C. THE SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SHALL OPERATE [is to administer and manage the Baltimore County school child nutrition programs established by the Board of Education] in accordance with the objectives, policies, and procedures of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Maryland State Department of Education.

D. NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE OFFERED FOR SALE ON SCHOOL PREMISES SHALL COMPETE WITH THE SCHOOL LUNCH OR BREAKFAST PROGRAMS.

[The programs administered by the Office of Food and Nutrition Services OFNS include national school breakfast, national school lunch, summer food service, after-school snack program, and any other school food service agreements entered into by the Board with the Maryland State Department of Education or the federal government.]
The objective of the Baltimore County food program shall include encouraging students to select and consume nutritionally balanced meals. The Office of Food and Nutrition Services supports the educational program by providing nutritious meals in an environment that meets proper sanitation and health standards and conforms to all applicable state and local laws and regulations.

Also see the School Cafeteria Operating Manual for Managers/PICS, Office of Food and Nutrition Services.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

THE BOARD DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ISSUE GUIDELINES TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY.

Legal References: 42 U.S.C. §§1751, ET SEQ., NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT, AS AMENDED
42 U.S.C. §1758(b), RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT, AS AMENDED
42 U.S.C. §§1771, ET SEQ., CHILD NUTRITION ACT, AS AMENDED
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §§7-601 TO -605, SUBSIDIZED AND FREE FEEDING PROGRAMS
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §§7-701 TO -704, BREAKFAST PROGRAM
COMAR 13A.06.01, PROGRAMS FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION

[§7 Code of Federal Regulations 210-299
Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management, Code of Baltimore County Regulations 1.01.01]

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1300, USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3330, FOOD SERVICE FINANCE
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5470, WELLNESS