DATE: May 22, 2012

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: REPORT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8280, MEMBERSHIPS

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INFORMATION

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 8280. This is the first reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attached II – Policy 8280
POLICY ANALYSIS FOR
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8280
MEMBERSHIP IN SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATIONS
RENAMED AS, “MEMBERSHIPS”

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed
In accordance with Policy and Rule 8130, Policy 8280 is scheduled for review in school year 2011-2012. Policy 8280 provides for membership in state and national school board associations, and other similar organizations. Policy 8280 has been revised to: (1) rename the policy to better reflect the policy’s intent; (2) include a policy statement; (3) 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. None

Legal Requirements
1. None

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems
1. Anne Arundel Board of Education, Policy BH, School Board Memberships
2. Charles County Board of Education, Policy 8120, Members: Opportunities for Development
3. Harford County Board of Education, Policy 22-0013-000, Memberships
4. Howard County Board of Education, Policy 2000, School Board Governance
5. Washington County Board of Education, Policy BJ, School Board Memberships

Draft of Proposed Policy
Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff
No other alternatives were considered.

Timeline
First Reading – May 22, 2012
Public Comment – June 12, 2012
Third Reading/vote – July 10, 2012
POLICY 8280

INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Duties and Responsibilities

MembershipS [in School Board Associations]

I. POLICY STATEMENT

The Board of Education OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) may hold memberships in [such local, state, regional, and] national AND STATE school board associations, OR OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS, [as may exist] for the purpose of strengthening its effectiveness.