

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** July 10, 2012

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

**FROM:** S. Dallas Dance, Ph.D., Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8280, MEMBERSHIPS**

**ORIGINATOR:** Margaret-Ann Howie, Esq., General Counsel

**RESOURCE PERSON(S):** Patricia Clark, Policy and Compliance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education approves the proposed changes to Policy 8280. This is the third 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

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.

Policy  
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REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Education of Baltimore County