

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: December 4, 2012

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6301, SCHOOL CALENDAR**

ORIGINATOR: Kevin A. Hobbs, Deputy Superintendent

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Alpheus Arrington, Director, Personnel

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the proposed changes to Policy 6301. This is the third reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 6301

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6301
SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

In accordance with the Board of Education Policy and Superintendent's Rule 8130, Policy 6301 is scheduled for review in school year 2012-2013. Policy 6301 outlines standards for the annual development and adoption of the school calendar. Staff is recommending that the policy be revised to: (1) include a policy statement; (2) clearly identify standards the Board requires in the development of the school calendar; (3) include an implementation section; and (4) conform to 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 6304, *Commemorations and Observances*

Legal Requirements

1. *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §7-103, *Required School Days and Holidays*
2. COMAR 13A.02.01.04, *Length of the School Year*

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Carroll County Board of Education Policy ICA, *School Calendar*
2. Cecil County Board of Education Policy, *School Calendar*
3. Charles County Board of Education Policy 6330, *Calendar*
4. Frederick County Board of Education Policy 401, *School Calendar*
5. Harford County Board of Education, Policy 20-0002-000, *School Calendar*
6. Kent County Board of Education Policy, *School Calendar*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

No other alternatives were considered.

Timeline

First reading – October 23, 2012

Public comment – November 7, 2012

Third reading/vote – December 4, 2012

INSTRUCTION: Schedules

School Calendar

I. POLICY STATEMENT

- A. BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT A SCHOOL CALENDAR EACH YEAR. THE SCHOOL CALENDAR SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE LAW AND SHALL INCLUDE FEDERAL AND STATE HOLIDAYS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE OBSERVED BY MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY AND STAFF IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

II. STANDARDS

- A. The school calendar [must be developed to] supports the effective delivery of the instructional program, ADHERES TO [. The calendar must meet] legal requirements for both days and hours of instructional time, and reflects school closings that are required by law.
- B. THE CALENDAR SHALL INCLUDE [The school calendar, adopted annually by the Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board), will ordinarily provide for] more than the minimum days required by law in order to anticipate emergency closings and late openings for inclement weather or other system wide emergencies.
- C. The school calendar must observe mandated federal, state, and Board-approved assessments.

[Each year, the Superintendent shall submit a proposed calendar to the Board for its approval.]

III. IMPLEMENTATION

- A. THE BOARD DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY.

Legal ReferenceS: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article[,] §7-103,
REQUIRED SCHOOL DAYS AND HOLIDAYS
COMAR 13A.02.01.04, *LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR*

RELATED POLICY: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6304,
COMMEMORATIONS AND OBSERVANCES

Policy

Board of Education of Baltimore County

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