

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: May 21, 2013

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5310, AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT**

ORIGINATOR: Kevin A. Hobbs, Deputy Superintendent

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Patricia Lawton, Chief Academic Officer
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed deletion of Policy 5310. This is the first reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 5310

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5310
AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

In accordance with Board of Education Policy and Superintendent’s Rule 8130, Policy 5310 is scheduled for review in the 2012-2013 school year. Policy 5310 provides for the recognition of students for scholarships and distinguished service and outlines guidelines for presenting school system awards and scholarships, as well as accepting awards from non-school donors. Students earn many awards each year. Because most of the awards are community-based, the school system cannot monitor or regulate awards’ guidelines. Recognition for student achievement by individual schools is a school-based decision and is left to the discretion of the school principal. As such, staff is recommending that the policy 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 1320, *Contests*
2. Board of Education Policy 8362, *Gifts*
3. Board of Education Policy 8363, *Conflict of Interest – Prohibited Conduct*

Legal Requirements

1. None

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Frederick County Board of Education, Policy 433, *Honors and Awards*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

Revising this policy was considered but deemed to be unnecessary.

Timeline

First reading – May 21, 2013

Public comment – June 11, 2013

Third reading/vote – July 9, 2013

STUDENT: Activities

Awards for Achievement

The Board of Education of Baltimore County (BOARD) encourages the professional staff to maintain a set of criteria and procedures for presenting letters or other suitable awards to students for scholarship and distinguished service in any school activity. In all cases, the relationship between the award and the relevant goal or goals of the schools should be clear.

The professional staff is authorized to review and approve, or reject proposed trophies, prizes, scholarships, or other awards from non-school donors. Acceptance shall require affirmative answers to the following questions:

1. Are the criteria for making the award under the control of the professional staff, or acceptable to the staff?
2. Are the purposes, either implied or explicit, of the proposed award consistent with our schools' goals?

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 1320, Contests
Board of Education Policy 8362, Gifts to the Board of Education, Schools, and Offices within the School System
Board of Education Policy 8363, Conflict of Interest

Policy
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Board of Education of Baltimore County