

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: July 9, 2013

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1260, SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**

ORIGINATOR: Mychael Dickerson, Chief Communications Officer

RESOURCE PERSON(S):

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 1260, *School Volunteers*. This is the first reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 1260

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1260
SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

In accordance with Board of Education Policy and Superintendent's Rule 8130, Policy 1260 is scheduled for review in school year 2012-2013. Policy 1260 recognizes the importance school volunteers play in supporting student learning. Staff is recommending that the policy be revised to: (1) include a philosophy statement recognizing the role of volunteers in supporting student learning; (2) require all volunteers complete the school system's volunteer application and training process prior to working in a school; and (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. Board of Education Policy 1200, *Community Involvement*
2. Board of Education Policy 1210, *Relationship with Parent-Teacher (Student) Associations*
3. Board of Education Policy 1240, *Visitors to Schools*
4. Board of Education Policy 1270, *Parent and Family Involvement*
5. Board of Education Policy 2352, *Health and Safety*
6. Board of Education Policy 3150, *Board Insurance Program*
7. Board of Education Policy 4103, *Suspected Child Abuse, Neglect, and/or Inappropriate Behavior Toward a Student by an Employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools*
8. Board of Education Policy 6800, *Field Trips and Foreign Travel*
9. Board of Education Policy Sub Series 8360, *Ethics Code*

Legal Requirements

1. *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §4-105, *Comprehensive Liability Insurance; Defense of Sovereign Immunity*
2. *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §4-106, *Immunity of County Board Employees, Volunteers, and Board Members*
3. *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §6-106, *Volunteer Aides*

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Anne Arundel Board of Education, Policy KH, *Parent/Family/Community Involvement*
2. Carroll County Board of Education, Policy KC, *Parent/Family/Community Involvement*
3. Montgomery County Board of Education, Policy IRB-EA, *Volunteer Aides*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

No other alternatives were considered.

Timeline

First reading – July 9, 2013

Public comment – August 6, 2013

Third reading/vote – September 10, 2013

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement

School Volunteers

I. PHILOSOPHY

- A. THE Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) recognizes that participation in the work of the school system by parents, guardians, businesses, and community members provides important support for schools and students and helps TO foster strong school-community relationships. THE BOARD ENCOURAGES THE INVOLVEMENT OF VOLUNTEERS IN BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (BCPS) AND RECOGNIZES THE ROLE VOLUNTEERS HAVE IN SUPPORTING STUDENT LEARNING. [Therefore, the Board supports the use of volunteers in instructional and non-instructional activities in a manner that promotes safe and orderly learning environments.]

- B. IN ORDER TO ENSURE A SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT, PRIOR TO VOLUNTEERING FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, ALL VOLUNTEERS SHALL COMPLETE THE BCPS VOLUNTEER APPLICATION AND TRAINING PROCESS.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

THE BOARD DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY.

Legal References: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §4-105, *COMPREHENSIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE; DEFENSE OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY*
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §4-106, *IMMUNITY OF COUNTY BOARD EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND BOARD MEMBERS*
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §6-106, *VOLUNTEER AIDES*

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1200, *COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1210, *RELATIONSHIP WITH PARENT-TEACHER (STUDENT) ASSOCIATIONS*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1240, *VISITORS TO SCHOOLS*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1270, *PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 2352, *HEALTH AND SAFETY*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 4103, *SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND/OR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR TOWARD A STUDENT BY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6800, *FIELD TRIPS AND FOREIGN TRAVEL*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY SUB SERIES 8360, *ETHICS CODE*

[Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 8363
Board of Education Policy 4004
Board of Education Policy 2352]

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