DATE: July 9, 2013

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6601, SUMMER SCHOOL

ORIGINATOR: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Patricia Lawton, Chief Academic Officer
Roger Plunkett, Executive Director, Student Support Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 6601, Summer School. This is the first reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 6601
POLICY ANALYSIS FOR
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6601
SUMMER SCHOOL

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed
In accordance with Board of Education Policy and Superintendent’s Rule 8130, Policy 6601 is scheduled for review in school year 2012-2013. Policy 6601 establishes a summer school program that provides students with additional opportunities to obtain academic support or to earn graduation credits. Staff is recommending that the policy be revised to: (1) include a policy statement; (2) clearly delineate standards of the program; (3) reflect students’ ability to take online and blended courses as well as extended-year programs; (4) include an implementation statement; and (5) conform with the Policy Review Committee’s editing conventions.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact to the 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 5120, Attendance and Excuses
2. Board of Education Policy 5210, Factors Involved in Student Evaluation
3. Board of Education Policy 5500, Conduct
4. Board of Education Policy 5550, Disruptive Behavior
5. Board of Education Policy 6200, Curriculum and Instruction
6. Board of Education Policy 6602, Alternative Education Programs

Legal Requirements
1. COMAR 13A.03.02.05, Other Provisions for Earning Credit

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems
1. Anne Arundel County Board of Education, Policy IFP, Secondary Summer School Program
2. Frederick County Board of Education, Policy 400-40, Summer School
3. Harford County Board of Education, Policy 04-0010-000, Summer School Program

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
INSTRUCTION: Curriculum Extensions and Alternative Programs

Summer School

I. POLICY STATEMENT

The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) may conduct a summer school program each year. Its purpose is to provide additional opportunities for students to receive academic support and participate in enrichment activities.

II. STANDARDS

A. COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS SHALL BE THE SAME AS THOSE REQUIRED FOR COURSES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL AND ADHERE WITH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM’S CURRICULUM AND GRADING STANDARDS.

B. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR A STUDENT TO EARN CREDIT TOWARD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OR, IF TAKEN FOR REVIEW CREDIT, FOR GRADE-LEVEL PROMOTION. [Summer school attendance does not in any way guarantee promotion for students. They may, however, earn credits toward high school graduation which may result in a change of class placement in the high school].

III. IMPLEMENTATION

THE BOARD DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY.

Legal Reference: COMAR 13A.03.02.05, Other Provisions for Earning Credit
Policy
Board of Education of Baltimore County

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