

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** December 16, 2008

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

**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY  
1220 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT-CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ORIGINATOR:** Kara Calder, Chief Communications Officer

**RESOURCE  
PERSON(S):**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education considers the proposed changes to Policy 1220. This is the first reading of this policy.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis  
Attachment II – Proposed Policy 1220

**Policy Analysis for  
Board of Education Policy 1220  
Citizen's Advisory Committee**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

Board of Education Policy 1220 has not been reviewed since it was adopted in 1969. The policy is being revised to reiterate the Board's desire for community input.

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

Board of Education Policy 1200, *Community Involvement*

Board of Education Policy 1230, *Area Education Advisory Councils*

Board of Education Policy 1270, *Family/Community Involvement*

Legal Requirements

*Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §4-112

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Montgomery County, Policy BMA, *Board of Education Advisory Committees*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

Staff considered deletion of the policy, which was rejected in favor of revising the policy.

Timeline:

First reading: December 16, 2008

Public comment: January 13, 2009

Third reading: February 10, 2009

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement

Citizens Advisory Committee

The Board of Education OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) encourages [the use of citizens and] community [resources] INPUT to SUPPORT [assist in developing] the educational program. Advisory committees MAY [shall] be appointed by the Board [of Education] to PROVIDE DESIRED SUPPORT [perform a definite function]. [; this function shall be indicated to such an advisory committee in detail, in writing, at the time of appointment. Advisory committees shall be appointed primarily to advise the Board of Education, but the Board of Education shall seek the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools before establishing or dissolving any advisory committee.]

[All public announcements concerning the operation or recommendations of an advisory committee shall be released through the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.]

[Upon completing its assignment,] [a]An advisory committee MAY [shall either] be given new duties or [shall] be dissolved BY [T]the Board [of Education]. [shall have the sole power to dissolve any of its advisory committees at any time during the life of any such committee.]

LEGAL REFERENCE: *ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §4-112*

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1200  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1230  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1270

Policy  
Adopted: 10/9/69  
REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Education of Baltimore County