

# BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Principal,

It is now time to select a candidate for the Governor's consideration for the next Student Member of the Board of Education of Baltimore County. Each high school is invited to nominate one student for this position. The student must be a junior or senior as of July 1, 2012, and in good standing. The student, appointed by the Governor, will serve a one-year term on the Board of Education from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

The Student Member of the Board should be objective, articulate, trustworthy, and mature. The student board member is expected to be knowledgeable about Board of Education responsibilities and the mission and vision of the school system, able to communicate the student point of view, and aware of current educational issues facing public education. The responsibilities of this position are extensive. A copy of the position description is attached for your information.

According to the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland, the student member shall:

1. Be in the 11th or 12th grade in a Baltimore County Public School. (Currently a 10th or 11th grade student.)
2. Serve for one year.
3. Develop a position that will be consistent with the best interest of Baltimore County students and advise the Board on the students' points of view.
4. Vote on all issues except collective bargaining, capital and operating budgets, school openings and closings, and boundaries.

The Baltimore County Student Councils will once again coordinate the nomination selection process of the Student Member of the Board of Education of Baltimore County. A ten-member committee will screen and rate all completed applications after which a number of candidates will be selected for interviews. At the end of the interview process, a candidate will be recommended to the Governor who will then appoint the student to serve during the 2012-2013 school year.

Our goal is to have each high school principal recommend one student candidate for this important position. Please provide a copy of the attached student member position description and application materials to your school's nominee. Candidates must be available to participate in the entire selection process including the interview date on Monday, April 16, 2012.

Completed application packets must be returned to Barbara Fuller, BCSC Coordinator, Baltimore County Public Schools, 6901 Charles Street, Towson, MD 21204 by **5 PM on Monday, March 19, 2012**. To be fair to all nominees, *incomplete or late applications after March 19, 2012, will not be considered*. If you or your nominee has any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 410-887-4218 or email [bfuller@bcps.org](mailto:bfuller@bcps.org).

Sincerely,

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Coordinator of  
Baltimore County Student Councils

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Attachments:

- Position Description
- Application Steps
- Application Information Page