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BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: September 8, 2009

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: <u>**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED DELETION OF BOARD OF**</u>
<u>**EDUCATION POLICY 6305 – INSTRUCTION: RELEASED TIME-**</u>
<u>**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**</u>

ORIGINATOR: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

RESOURCE
PERSON(S):   Sonja Karwacki, Executive Director, Special Programs PreK-12

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the proposed deletion of Policy 6305.
This is the third reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 6305

Policy Analysis for
Board of Education Policy 6305
Released Time-Religious Instruction

Statement of Issues Addressed by the Proposed Policy Deletion
Board of Education Policy 6305 was last revised in 1968. The policy is being recommended for deletion because the language is no longer relevant.

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
Board of Education Policy 5120, *Attendance and Excuses*

Legal Requirement
COMAR 13A.04.04.01 does not prohibit BCPS from having a policy.

Similar Policies Adopted by Other School Systems
None

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff
None

Timeline:
      First reading – July 14, 2009
      Public comment – August 11, 2009
      Third reading – September 8, 2009

INSTRUCTION

Released Time - Religious Instruction

The Board of Education authorizes pupils, with the written consent of their parents, to receive moral or religious instruction at a suitable place away from the school, designated by the religious group. This shall be in addition to the moral and spiritual values taught in the classroom.

The Superintendent of Schools is instructed to establish regulations governing the attendance of pupils at such instruction and the reporting thereof.

Policy   Board of Education of Baltimore County
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