DATE: January 9, 2007

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: POLICY 3610 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: FEES, GIFTS, PROPERTY DISPOSITION – TUITION FEES

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve revisions to Policy 3610 – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Fees, Gifts, Property Disposition – Tuition Fees. This is the third reading of this policy.

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- Attachment I – Policy Analysis 3610
- Attachment II – Policy 3610
Statement of Issues Addressed By the Revised Policy

The policy has been revised because staff believes that it is problematic to specify rates in policies or rules. As revised, rates will be published on appropriate websites and in handouts. Therefore, Rule 3610 is proposed for creation, and Rules 3611 and 3612 are proposed for deletion.

Additionally, the application of the rates has changed. Summer school is no longer offered to non-resident elementary or middle school students, so this rate is no longer needed. For Evening/Saturday high school, a half-time rate is currently used but is now included in the rule.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

No impact.

Relationship to Other Board Policies

None

Legal Requirement

None

Similar Policies Adopted by Other School Systems

Policies for Howard, Harford, Montgomery, and Anne Arundel County Public Schools were reviewed and none of them included the actual rate in policy.

Draft of Proposed Policy (see attached)

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

If the policy is not updated, the rules will continue to be updated annually.
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Tuition Fees

Tuition fees for non-resident students, for [the adult] evening HIGH school (RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT), and for summer school (RESIDENT) shall be established by the [Board of Education on the recommendation of the] Superintendent [of Schools].

[Tuition fees for non-residents shall be based on the county’s portion of the cost of educating a student.]

[Tuition fees may be prorated for part-time students who attend regular school on a schedule of half-time or less or who are enrolled in a summer school class meeting less than five days a week.]