

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: October 23, 2012

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3530, SAFETY AND SECURITY**

ORIGINATOR: Michael Sines, Chief Operations Officer

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Pradeep Dixit, Executive Director, Physical Facilities

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 3530. This is the first reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 3530

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3530
SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

In accordance with Board of Education Policy and Superintendent's Rule 8130, Policy 3530 is scheduled for review in school year 2012-2013. Policy 3530 outlines the standards required by the Board to ensure the safety and security of the school system's physical plant facilities. Staff is recommending that that policy be revised to: (1) include a philosophy statement recognizing the Board's responsibility to operate and maintain the physical plants in a safe and secure manner; (2) include an implementation section; (3) conform with the Policy Review Committee's editing conventions.

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

1. Board of Education Policy 2352, *Health and Safety*
2. Board of Education Policy 3510, *Operations*
3. Board of Education Policy 4007, *Personal Protective Equipment*

Legal Requirements

None

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Anne Arundel County Board of Education, Policy ECB, *Safety Program*
2. St. Mary's County Board of Education, Policy EB, *Safety Program*
3. Prince George's County Board of Education, Policy 2801, *Administration*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

No other alternatives were considered.

Timeline

First reading – October 23, 2012

Public comment – November 7, 2012

Third reading/vote – December 4, 2012

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Physical Plant Services

Safety and Security

I. PHILOSOPHY

- A. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) RECOGNIZES ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ITS PHYSICAL PLANTS IN A SAFE AND SECURE MANNER AND TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND OTHER CODES AND REGULATIONS.

II. STANDARDS

- A. Appropriate procedures shall be established to provide for the safe operation and maintenance of the school plant.
- B. Boiler systems shall be properly maintained; inspected annually by the insurance underwriter; and operated by certified personnel.
- C. School facilities shall be accessible to the Baltimore County Fire Department and Health Department in ACCORDANCE [compliance] with applicable STATE AND COUNTY regulations and codeS [requirements].
- D. Buildings and grounds shall be maintained in a condition that shall minimize the potential of injury to anyone using these facilities.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

- A. THE BOARD DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY.

[Legal Reference: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §7-408]

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 2352, *HEALTH AND SAFETY*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3510, *OPERATIONS*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 4007, *PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT*

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Board of Education of Baltimore County