

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

ETHICS REVIEW PANEL

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 15-07

Petitioner, a former employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools ("BCPS"), filed an Application to Provide an Advisory Opinion. The Application alleges that the Board of Education violated Policies 5140, 5150, 8340, 8341, 8120, 0100, 0200, and 0300 in relation to her case before the Board of Education of Baltimore County, which involved a special permission transfer request for her son. Petitioner requests an Advisory Opinion for her case.

Section VII of Policy 8366 regarding Advisory Opinions is set forth below:

*VII. Advisory Opinions*

*A. Any Board member, school system official, employee, consultant, volunteer, or other person subject to the provisions of the policies of the Ethics Code may request that the Panel issue an advisory opinion concerning the applications of these policies.*

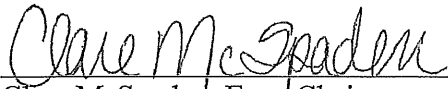
*B. The Panel will respond promptly to such requests, providing interpretations of the policies contained in the Code, based on the facts provided or reasonably available to it.*

*1. The Panel will make every attempt to issue an advisory opinion within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the request.*

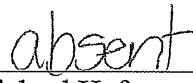
*2. Copies of the panel's advisory opinions, with the identity of the subject(s) deleted, will be made available to the Board, the Superintendent, and the public in accordance with applicable State law regarding public records.*

As stated above, Petitioner is a former employee of BCPS and a parent of a current BCPS student. Because Petitioner is not a "Board member, school system official, employee, consultant, volunteer, or other person subject to the provisions of the policies of the Ethics Code," the Panel does not believe it is within the scope of our authority to issue an Advisory Opinion on this matter. Therefore, the Panel is unable to assist Petitioner with her request.

This response to an Application to Provide an Advisory Opinion has been signed by the Ethics Review Panel members and adopted on February 23, 2016.



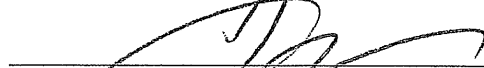
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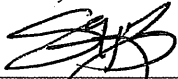
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