COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement

Parent and Family Engagement

I. Policy Statement

A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) recognizes that Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS), parents/guardians, families and communities must collaborate to support academic achievement, ensuring that every student is prepared for college and/or career opportunities.

B. The Board values and promotes the engagement of all BCPS and parent/guardian, family and community members as partners in providing a sustainable system of support for the academic and personal success of all students.

II. Compliance

A. Board Policy 1270, its implementing Superintendent’s Rule and BCPS procedures shall constitute the BCPS Parent and Family Engagement policy as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act.

B. BCPS shall comply with the requirements of the parent and family engagement provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

C. In accordance with the federal law order to carry out the engagement requirements;
   1. BCPS will include parents and family members (including parent and family members who have limited English proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, parents and family members of migratory children and parents and family members of homeless children) in its annual review and evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this policy in improving the academic quality of all BCPS schools as well as the BCPS parent and family engagement programs; and
   2. The Office of Title I will involve parents and family members from BCPS Title I schools in the development, implementation and annual review of the content and effectiveness of the school-level family engagement progress plan addendum in improving the academic quality of all schools served with Title I, Part A funds.
III. Implementation

The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. § 6301, et seq., Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act
20 U.S.C. § 6318, Parent and Family Engagement
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article § 4-112, Advisory Committees

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 0100, Equity
Board of Education Policy 0200, Precepts, Beliefs and Values of the Baltimore County Public Schools
Board of Education Policy 1100, Communication with the Public
Board of Education Policy 1200, Community Involvement
Board of Education Policy 1210, Relationship with Parent-Teacher (Student) Associations
Board of Education Policy 1230, Area Education Advisory Councils (AEAC)
Board of Education Policy 1240, Visitors to Schools and Offices
Board of Education Policy 1260, School Volunteers

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