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MEMORANDUM

To: All Principals and Directors

From: Adrian B. Talley, Associate Superintendent *ABT*

Subject: INFORMATION: 2010–2011 Update on Policies and Regulations

During the 2010–2011 school year, a total of 25 policies and regulations were revised, reviewed, rescinded, or developed. Some of the changes were technical or nonsubstantive.

For your information, a summary of the policies and regulations affected by these changes is attached. All of the current policies, regulations, and exhibits can be found on the Policies and Regulations website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Stephanie P. Williams, director, Department of Policy, Records, and Reporting, at 301-517-5062.

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Attachment

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Approved:


Frieda K. Lacey, Deputy Superintendent of Schools

Summary of Changes 2010–2011

Revised Policies and Regulations

Policy ABC, Parent and Family Involvement

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/abc.pdf>

This policy sets forth the guidelines for encouraging parent and family involvement in the school community to support children's education, healthy development, and well-being. The policy also promotes meaningful family-school partnerships as an essential component to students' academic success.

Regulation ABC-RA, Parent and Family Involvement

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/abcra.pdf>

This regulation was revised to reflect current research and practices to promote parent and family involvement and to align with the newly updated Policy ABC, *Parent and Family Involvement*.

Regulation CFB-RA, Public Charter Schools

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/cfbra.pdf>

This regulation establishes criteria for the evaluation of proposals for public charter schools, the principles guiding the negotiation and contracting process, and assignment of responsibility for oversight of approved public charter schools.

Regulation CGA-RA, Summer School Program

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/cgara.pdf>

This regulation was revised to align with current practice and consolidate into one regulation essential language from Regulation CGA-RB, *Elementary Summer School Sessions* and Regulation CGA-RC, *Secondary Summer School Sessions*.

Regulation CHA-RA, Developing and Publishing Regulations

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/chara.pdf>

This regulation was revised to acknowledge that state or federal law always supersedes Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) regulations. It also provides for those occasions when a state or federal action renders a provision of an MCPS regulation out of compliance and modifications are required to bring a regulation into compliance.

Regulation DJA-RB, *Purchases of Materials and Equipment Using Nonappropriated Funds and Acceptance of Donated Items*

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/djarb.pdf>

This regulation was updated to reflect changes in offices and directory information.

Policy DIG (formerly GIJ), *Operating Fund Investments*

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/dig.pdf>

This policy has been reindexed so that it is adjacent to closely related policies in the policy handbook.

Regulation FFA-RA, *Naming School Facilities*

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/ffara.pdf>

This regulation was updated to reflect a change in title and process for naming a school facility. Most particularly, it states that no school or portion of a school may be named after a person currently employed by MCPS.

Policy FKB, *Sustaining and Modernizing Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Facilities*

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/fkb.pdf>

This policy sets forth guidelines to establish a systemic approach for replacement of building systems and facilities for MCPS.

Regulation GHD-RA, *Wages and Salaries for Supporting Services Employees*

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/ghdra.pdf>

This regulation was updated to reflect technical and nonsubstantive changes.

Regulation GJD-RA, *Promotion, Demotion, Resignation, and Retirement of Supporting Services Personnel*

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/gjdra.pdf>

This regulation was updated to reflect current practice and to align with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 500.

Policy IED, *Framework and Structure of High School Education*

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/ied.pdf>

This policy affirms the Montgomery County Board of Education's commitment to high expectations for student achievement for all students and provides an environment supportive of the academic, social, emotional, and physical development of adolescents and young adults. The policy also sets forth guidelines to the staff and community for the organization of high schools and the delivery of engaging instructional programs that prepare all students to complete high school equipped for success in postsecondary education and the world of work.

Policy IQD, *Academic Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities*
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/iqd.pdf>

This policy has been updated to align references to stipend-compensated activities with language used in negotiated agreements, and align references to reporting categories with language used in the *Annual Report*.

Regulation ISB-RA, *High School Graduation Requirements*
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/isbra.pdf>

This regulation was revised to comply with current Maryland state law. Updated guidance from the Maryland State Department of Education affirms that there is no provision to waive the half-credit physical education requirement.

Regulation ITA-RA, *School Library Media Programs* (formerly EDA-RA)
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/itara.pdf>

This regulation was updated to reflect Montgomery County Public School's strategies for meeting Maryland State Department of Education standards for information and technology literacy through School Library Media programs.

Regulation JEA-RC, *Enrollment and Placement of International and Foreign Students*
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/jearc.pdf>

This regulation was revised to reflect office changes and to align with updated procedures for enrolling and placing exchange, foreign, and international students in a Montgomery County public school.

Policy JED, *Residency, Tuition, and Enrollment*
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/jed.pdf>

This policy was updated to clarify terminology relevant to qualified students, nonresident students, and exchange students, and to update directory information with respect to the responsible office.

Regulation JEE-RA, *Transfer of Students*
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/jeera.pdf>

This regulation was revised to update offices and to reflect current practice.

Regulation JHB-RA, *Illnesses or Injuries that Limit Participation in General Physical Education Classes*
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/jhbra.pdf>

This regulation was revised to be in compliance with Maryland State Department of Education regulations regarding graduation requirements. Updated guidance dictates that

there is no ability to waive the physical education credit requirement. The revised regulation clarifies the conditions under which a student may be excused temporarily.

Rescinded Policies and Regulations

Regulation CGA-RB, *Elementary Summer School Sessions*

This regulation has been rescinded and the information incorporated into Regulation CGA-RA, *Summer School Program*.

Regulation CGA-RC, *Secondary Summer School Sessions*

This regulation has been rescinded and the information incorporated into Regulation CGA-RA, *Summer School Program*.

Regulation CGB-RA, *The Evening High School Program*

This regulation was rescinded because the program is no longer in operation.

Policy IGA, *High School Courses*

This policy was rescinded and related language was incorporated into Policy IED, *Framework and Structure of High School Education*.

Policy ISA, *High School Graduation Requirements, and Waiver of Four-Year Enrollment Requirement for Graduation*

This policy was rescinded and related language was incorporated into Policy IED, *Framework and Structure of High School Education*.

New Policies and Regulations

Regulation DIA-RD, *Accounts Receivable*

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/diard.pdf>

This new regulation was created to publish guidelines for strong fiscal management in the administration of credit to Montgomery County Public Schools customers, for tracking of accounts receivable, and for removal of uncollectible items when collection efforts have been exhausted or deemed not to be cost effective.