

## **Timeline for the Development of Board Policy FAA, *Educational Facilities Planning*, and MCPS Regulation FAA-RA, *Educational Facilities Planning*\***

Montgomery County Board of Education Policy FAA, *Educational Facilities Planning*, was developed in accordance with Board Policy BFA, *Policysetting*, and MCPS Regulation BFA-RA, *Policysetting*. Regulation FAA-RA, also entitled, *Educational Facilities Planning*,\*\* was developed in accordance with MCPS Regulation CHA-RA, *Developing and Publishing Regulations*.

\*\*On May 2, 2019, MCPS Regulation FAA-RA, *Long-range Educational Facilities Planning*, was revised and renamed MCPS Regulation FAA-RA, *Educational Facilities Planning*, by the superintendent of schools to align with Board Policy FAA, *Educational Facilities Planning*. The revised regulation develops procedures for implementing the three key components of Board Policy FAA: 1) ongoing analyses of student enrollment projections and the physical condition of educational facilities and building systems; 2) stakeholder engagement and input into facility decision making; and 3) a decision-making framework that generates responsive options and leads to equitable and fiscally responsible and educationally sound decisions, in compliance with all local, state, and federal requirements, taking into account the equity implications of Board Policy ACA, *Nondiscrimination, Equity, and Cultural Proficiency*.

Below is a list of meetings of the Board Policy Management Committee (PMC) and full Board held between January 23, 2018, and September 24, 2018, at which Policy FAA was discussed. Each meeting with related materials is hyperlinked to the appropriate location on BoardDocs, a publically available website. (As of December 9, 2014, the BoardDocs webcast has been deemed the official meeting minutes for Board meetings. Informational summaries for the meetings also are available.)

In addition to the Board meetings referenced below, staff conducted further outreach throughout the spring and summer of 2018 by attending community meetings to provide an overview of the policy and encourage community members to participate in the public comment period. Examples of this outreach include:

- MCCPTA spring training session;
- Six Quad cluster area meetings;
- Two FAA community focus group meetings; and
- Two stakeholder group discussions.

### 1. January 23, 2018, Policy Management Committee Meeting

- Given the extent of the comprehensive revision, Policy FAA was presented to the Policy Management Committee (PMC) in two parts. This meeting focused on proposed revisions to Sections A through D of Policy FAA (draft 1).
- File Attachments provided to Committee members:  
[Policy FAA - current.pdf](#)  
[Policy FKB - Annotated Policy FKB text moved to FAA.pdf](#)  
[FAA draft 1.pdf](#)

\* Based on documents and references located as of 1/10/20

FAA Power Point for January 23, 2018, PMC Meeting

- Video of January 23, 2018, PMC Meeting (Swagit)
- Minutes of January 23, 2018, PMC Meeting (click “view minutes”)

2. March 19, 2018, Policy Management Committee Meeting

- This meeting focused on proposed revisions to Sections E through J of Policy FAA (draft 2).
- Draft 2 included the following draft language in the section of the Policy that discussed factors to be considered in selecting sites for new schools, changing school boundaries, or establishing geographic student choice assignment plans: “Where reasonable, options should promote the creation of a diverse student body in each of the affected schools.” (Lines 438-441). The relevant language from the 2014 version of Board Policy FAA, which considered diversity was found in Section B. (Issue) “MCPS is challenged continually to anticipate and plan for facilities in an efficient and fiscally responsible way to meet the varied educational needs of students. The (Long-range Educational Facilities Planning) LREFP policy describes how the school system responds to educational and enrollment change; the rate of change; its geographic distribution; and the racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversification of enrollment.”
- Student Member of the Board Mr. Matthew Post recommended new language in the lines noted above (438-441) to read, “Where reasonable, options should **especially strive to promote** the creation of a diverse student body in each of the affected schools.”
- After discussion, these lines were revised to say, “Options should strive to promote the creation of a diverse student body in each of the affected schools.”
- File Attachment provided to Committee Members:  
FAA draft 2.pdf
- Video of March 19, 2018, PMC Meeting (Swagit)
- Minutes of March 19, 2018, PMC Meeting (click “view minutes”)

3. April 12, 2018, BOE meeting: tentative action on Committee recommended draft

- The Committee Recommended Draft of Policy FAA forwarded from the Policy Management Committee to the full Board for tentative action included the language, “Options should strive to promote the creation of a diverse student body in each of the affected schools.” (Lines 436-448)

- The draft Policy FAA was sent out for public comment period on April 12.
  - File Attachments provided to the full Board:  
[Policy FAA Tentative Action.pdf](#)
  - [Video of April 12, 2018, BOE Meeting \(Swagit\)](#)
  - [Minutes of April 12, 2018, BOE Meeting \(click “view minutes”\)](#)
4. [September 13, 2018, Policy Management Committee review of public comments](#)
- Policy FAA was available for Public Comment April 12 through September 10, 2018
  - The draft policy was translated into Spanish and the English and Spanish versions were made available on the MCPS policy page
  - The draft policy and the public comment period were advertised in:
    - The MCPS Bulletin
    - The Chief of Staff’s Communications Update to Principals (with a translation to Spanish for school newsletters)
    - MCPS Press Release
    - Community Forums around Montgomery County
    - MCPS and Board of Education Tweets
    - MCPS website main page
  - A total of 78 comments were submitted from MCPS parents/guardians, MCPS students, MCPS staff, and Montgomery County community members, and several community organizations including: the NAACP Parent’s Council, the MCCPTA Executive Board, the Greater Colesville Citizen’s Association, and the East County Education Support Group.
  - On September 13, the Committee received and reviewed the 78 comments that were received from the public which are available via the link above to the September 13, meeting.
    - The revised draft of Policy FAA reviewed by Policy Management Committee on September 13 was the draft sent out for public comment, containing the language: “Options should strive to promote the creation of a diverse student body in each of the affected schools in alignment with Board Policy ACD, *Quality Integrated Education*.” (lines 452-457 in draft 3, dated September 6, 2018, from the September 13, 2018, Committee meeting).
    - During the Committee’s discussion, Board Member Ms. Jill Ortman-Fouse and Student Member of the Board Ms. Anaya Tadikonda suggested consideration of language that had been brought forward by Mr. Post at the March 19, 2018, Policy Management Committee meeting, “...especially, and in particular, strive to create a diverse student body....”
    - After discussion, the Committee members approved, by a vote of 3-1, revised language stating: “Options should especially strive to create a diverse student body in each of the affected schools in alignment with Board Policy ACD, *Quality*

*Integrated Education.*”(lines 452-457 in the September 24, 2018, Board meeting’s Committee Recommended Draft)

- The public comment period remained open through September 24, 2018.
  - File Attachments provided to Committee members:
    - [FAA draft 3.pdf](#)
    - [180913 FAA Comments 1 to 49.pdf](#)
    - [180913 FAA Comments 50 to 77, and BOE 1.pdf](#)
  - [Video of September 13, 2018, PMC meeting \(Swagit\)](#)
  - [Minutes of September 13, 2018, PMC Meeting](#) (click “view minutes”)
5. [September 24, 2018, Board meeting, final action on the Committee recommended draft](#)
- During the time between the September 13, 2018, Policy Management Committee meeting and the September 24, 2018, Board meeting, the Board office continued to receive public comments. A total of 96 additional comments were received as of 2:00 p.m. on the day of the Board meeting. Those comments were provided to each Board member prior to the Board meeting and uploaded to BoardDocs for the Board meeting. The comments largely addressed the issue of prioritizing diversity among the factors to be considered in selecting sites for new schools, changing school boundaries, or establishing geographic student choice assignment plans. The additional public comments received can be found on the September 24, 2018, meeting link above, and are entitled “Attachment B, Additional Public Comments 3,” “Attachment B, Additional Public Comments 4,” and “Attachment B, Additional Public Comments 5.”
  - The Board took Final Action and approved the Committee Recommended Draft of Policy FAA, which included the language: “Options should especially strive to create a diverse student body in each of the affected schools in alignment with Board Policy ACD, *Quality Integrated Education.*”
  - File Attachments provided to Board members:
    - [Final Action Policy FAA.pdf](#)
    - [Attachment A Policy FAA Committee Recommended Draft.pdf](#)
    - [Attachment B Public Comments Part 1.pdf](#)
    - [Attachment B Public Comments Part 2.pdf](#)
    - [Attachment B additional public comments 3.pdf](#)
    - [Attachment B additional public comments 4.pdf](#)
    - [Attachment B additional public comments 5.pdf](#)
    - [Attachment C Policy FAA Board Rec Draft.pdf](#)
  - [Video of September 24, 2018 BOE meeting \(Swagit\)](#)
  - [Minutes of September 24, 2018, BOE Meeting](#) (click “view minutes”)