## MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION Rockville, Maryland

February 14, 2012

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Patricia O'Neill, Chair, Board of Education Policy Committee

Subject: Final Approval, Policy KGC, Child Care

On October 11, 2011, the Montgomery County Board of Education tentatively adopted the updated Policy KGC, *Child Care*. The tentatively adopted policy was distributed for public comment. Four comments were received.

On January 17, 2012, the members of the Board of Education Policy Committee further discussed Policy KGC, *Child Care*. Language was added to clarify that by accomplishing the goals of the policy, high quality child care will be the result. Additionally, language was added to ensure Montgomery County Public Schools collaborates with a broad range of community members and organizations in its efforts to advocate for child care that meets the needs of Montgomery County students and families.

The Policy Committee's recommended changes to the tentatively adopted policy are reflected in the Committee Recommended Draft as Attachment A. The public comments are summarized in Attachment B. The original public comments are included in Attachment C. The Draft for Public Comment is included as Attachment D.

The following resolution is provided for your consideration:

WHEREAS, Policy KGC, *Child Care*, affirms the importance of high quality child care and education settings for all children of Montgomery County and establishes the scope of Montgomery County Public Schools' role in partnering with the child care community in addressing child care needs; and

WHEREAS, The draft of Policy KGC, *Child Care*, was tentatively adopted by the Montgomery County Board of Education on October 11, 2011, and was sent out for public comment; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Education has received comments and the Board of Education Policy Committee's recommendations; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education adopt Policy KGC, *Child Care*, as updated in the attached committee recommended draft.

Present at the table for the discussion are Ms. Sylvia K. Morrison, director, Department of Instructional Programs, Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs; Ms. Janine G. Bacquie, director, Division of Early Childhood Programs and Services, Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs; Mrs. Stephanie P. Williams, director, Department of Policy, Records and Reporting, Office of Shared Accountability; and Ms. Sally M. Davis, policy specialist, Office of Shared Accountability.

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Attachments