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**RE: ETHICS PANEL**

Each local board of education in Maryland is required to have an Ethics Policy and an Ethics Panel. Duties of the Ethics Panel include providing advisory opinions to persons who have questions regarding application or interpretation of the provisions of the Board Ethics Policy; receiving and making determinations regarding the validity of complaints alleging violation of the Board Ethics Policy; and reviewing financial disclosure statements required to be completed by members of the Board of Education and certain members of the school administration. The Harford County Board of Education Ethics Panel consists of five members who are residents of Harford County. Members serve staggered terms ranging from one to five years. The members are appointed by the Board of Education.

Members of the Ethics Panel serve in a volunteer capacity and receive compensation only for any expenses they may incur in performing their duties. These volunteers serve a valuable and important function with respect to the Harford County Public Schools, specifically, and Harford County, generally. The current members of the Ethics Panel and their terms are listed as follows.

Ms. Teresa Garland (2<sup>nd</sup> Term - renewed August 11, 2003)

Mr. Bruce A. Hart (2<sup>nd</sup> Term - renewed January 12, 2004)

Dr. Edward R. Sieracki (2<sup>nd</sup> Term - renewed February 27, 2006)

Dr. David F. Jaffe (2<sup>nd</sup> Term - renewed November 27, 2006)

Mr. David L. Brond (1<sup>st</sup> Term - Appointed May 9, 2005)