

Agenda Item #:

ITEM TYPE: ACTION

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

TITLE: Proposed Flag Policy

DATE: June 8, 2022

OVERVIEW:

The Board was presented a proposed flag policy from legal counsel for consideration at the May 11, 2022, Board Meeting. The Board asked that the proposed policy be published for community feedback and returned to the June 8, 2022, Board meeting for action.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A.

RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION:

For Board Action.

Submitted by:

Steven A. Lockard, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

Approve/Concur:

Steven A. Lockard, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Education of Carroll County agrees with Section 7-105(a) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland that “the love of freedom and democracy, shown in the devotion of all true and patriotic Americans to their flag and country, shall be instilled in the hearts and minds” of the students attending the Carroll County Public Schools. In furtherance of that provision, the current American flag shall be displayed on the grounds of every school and in every classroom, conference room, school office, gymnasium, cafeteria, auditorium, stadium, and other rooms frequented by students, staff and guests. The only other flags or banners that may be flown, posted, or affixed to the grounds, stadiums, fencing, walls, doors, ceilings, or any other appurtenances of any public school system building or facility owned or operated by the Board of Education of Carroll County (including, but not limited to, desks) are as follows:

1. The current Maryland flag;
2. The current Carroll County flag;
3. Such flags as are used as a part of a temporary unit of study within the approved curriculum;
4. Flags or banners that denote a recognition of achievement and are approved by the Superintendent including, but not limited to, Blue Ribbon School, Green School, PBIS School, etc.,
5. MPSSAA or other similar sport tournament banners recognizing the participation of a school team;
6. Banners from colleges or universities or professional sports teams;
7. Flags of countries representing the many nations of the World may be shown in the common areas of a school building as a multi-national display in a manner and for purposes approved by the Superintendent, provided that no such flags may be as large or as prominent as the current American flag.