

**Policy Statement #1035 (Administration) of the Board of Education Regarding  
Groundbreaking and Dedication Ceremonies for School System Facilities**

I. Purpose

- A. To provide recognition of the significant impact that the opening of a new school system facility or the major renovation of a facility has on the community it serves
- B. To acknowledge the individuals who contributed to the establishment of a new school system facility or the renovation of an existing facility

II. Policy Statement

- A. Given the importance of the public school system to this community and to our democratic way of life, the construction of a new school system facility or the major renovation of an existing facility demands the school system and the community pause for the groundbreaking, dedication, and/or rededication of that facility.
- B. During the beginning phase of construction for a new facility or a major renovation project, the school system will schedule a groundbreaking ceremony.
- C. At some point during the year following the completion of the construction of a new or renovated school system facility, the superintendent, working with the Board of Education and staff, shall plan an appropriate dedication or rededication ceremony and invite the public to take part in this commemorative occasion.
- D. Typically, groundbreaking and dedication ceremonies will be scheduled only for those projects that are designated by the state as renovation and new construction projects rather than systemic projects.

III. Delegation of Authority

- A. The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.

IV. Exceptions

- A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.

V. Review

- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of four years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

VI. Effective Date

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A. This policy is effective October 11, 2018.

Citations

State Law:

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