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**I. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the realignment of school district boundaries as a result of new school construction, increased capacity or overcrowding at existing schools, budgetary constraints/efficiencies, emergencies, or closing existing schools.

**II. Policy Statement**

Section 4-109 (c) of the Education Article, Maryland Annotated Code provides that:

With the advice of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of St. Mary's County (the Board) shall determine the geographic attendance area for each school established under this section.

- The Board has the primary responsibility to ensure high quality educational programs at the most efficient level of cost effectiveness through optimum use of facilities. The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the continuous evaluation of the school system to determine any necessary modifications based on the type of redistricting required. The procedure shall ensure fair notice and an opportunity for comment to all members of the community.
- The Superintendent of Schools will implement and ensure communication to the community a redistricting timeline that will allow for development and approval of plans, including the use of consultants, with new school assignment notification to the students affected by the new boundary plans no later than April 30th of the school year prior to redistricting taking place. Community involvement in the plan development process will be completed through an advisory committee that includes representatives, as approved by the Superintendent of Schools, from the areas being considered for boundary changes.

**III. Definitions**

N/A

**IV. Expectations for Evaluation, Review, and Updates**

This policy will be reviewed and evaluated according to the Board's review schedule and/or as federal and state laws and regulations change.

***St. Mary's County Public Schools, Leonardtown, Maryland***