The Ethics Panel of the Baltimore City Board School Commissioners is issuing this advisory opinion pursuant to the Code of Ethics, Article III(C)(1)(a)(i)(a), which states "Except as permitted by Board policy or in the exercise of an administrative or ministerial duty that does not affect the disposition or decision in the matter, an official may not participate in: any matter in which, to the knowledge of the official, the official or a qualified relative of the official has an interest; or any matter in which any of the following is a party: a business entity in which the official has a direct financial interest of which the official may reasonably be expected to know."

For these reasons, this Ethics Panel determines there is no conflict of interest in the matter of [redacted] securing the services of [redacted] to operationalize the recently adopted "[redacted] Policy." It is our understanding that [redacted] is not on our vendor list nor does [redacted] County Public Schools do business with Baltimore City Public Schools.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as presented. The Panel expresses no opinion as to matters that may exist now or in the future that have not been presented. Panel decisions are based on a case-by-case examination of the relevant factual information and applicable regulations.

Date: September 10, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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