ADVISORY OPINION OF THE

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

ETHICS PANEL

The Ethics Panel is issuing this advisory opinion pursuant to Policy BCA Code of Ethics Section III(B)(5), which provides that “[a]ny Board member, student commissioner, official, employee or other person subject to the provisions of this policy may request an advisory opinion from the Ethics Panel concerning the application of this policy.”

On April 30, 2020, ETH2020-02 requested an advisory opinion regarding partners of the PTECH Programs who are interested to give a monetary stipend to supplement the salary of the ___________ as an acknowledgement of work and to incentivize the ___________ to continue in this role.

Section III(C)(6)(c)(i) of the Code of Ethics states that “An official may not knowingly accept a gift, directly or indirectly, from a person that the official knows or has reason to know is doing business with or seeking to do business with the Board or City Schools.”

Therefore, if the partners of PTECH: ___________ are doing business with the Board and City Schools the ___________ may not accept the monetary stipend to supplement salary as an acknowledgement of work and to incentivize the ___________ to continue in current role.

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.

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Respectfully submitted,

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