ADVISORY OPINION
OF THE
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
ETHICS PANEL

The panel is issuing this advisory opinion pursuant to Section III(B)(5) of the Code of Ethics, which provides that "[a]ny Board member, 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."

[Redacted] was submitted, requesting an opinion from this Panel regarding whether an organization known as [redacted] may cover the cost of two passes, lodging, and food, for members of [redacted] to attend the upcoming [redacted].

Please note that it is the understanding of the members of this panel (according to information on file with City Schools) that [redacted] does not do business with City Schools, nor will this organization be doing business with City Schools in the future. If this information is not correct, the Applicant should submit another request for an Opinion containing more detailed information regarding [redacted], connection to City Schools.

The primary purpose of the Code of Ethics is to "[guard] against improper influence" of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, and designated employees, and to require them to "disclose financial affairs, and to set minimum standards for all employees for their conduct of school system business."

Because [redacted] is not currently and is not expected to be doing business with City Schools, the Policy was not implicated in this case, and this Panel renders no opinion.

Date: March 1, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Andrew G. Flacks
Chair, Ethics Panel