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 any Board member, employee or other person subject to the provisions of this policy may request the Panel for an advisory opinion concerning the application of this policy.

On March 23, 2018, requested an advisory opinion regarding the use of for team building activities for a high school in which the owner of the company is a Baltimore City Public School.

Pursuant to Section III(C)(7) of the Code of Ethics which provides that an official may not intentionally use the prestige of office or public position for the private gain of that official or the private gain of another.

Upon review, it is the Panel’s position that may operate as a vendor if the owner is not actively working (day and time) in the school where is operating. Additionally, it is the Panel’s position that if immediate family relations exist, they cannot participate in the hiring process.

It is therefore, the recommendation of this Panel that may operate in City Schools providing the above mention Code of Ethics are adhered.

The panel is issuing this advisory opinion pursuant to Section III(B)(5) of the Code.

Date:
20 June 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Ethics Panel