ADVISORY OPINION
OF THE
Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners
ETHICS PANEL

The panel is issuing this REVISED 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."

On April 12, 2018, this Panel received a request for an opinion regarding whether an employee must resign from a job with BCPS a year before they can bid on a contract with the district. The contract referenced for bid is for [redacted].

Based on the facts provided, the panel concludes that the policy is not implicated. However, this panel will be revisiting the bidding and award process to make sure that any award was done fairly and competitively with no hints of pre-selection.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as presented. The Panel expresses no opinion as to matters that exist that may 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.

Because the Policy was not implicated in this case, this Panel renders no opinion.

Date: 2 May 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Flacks
Chairman
Ethics Panel