RESOLUTION 2022-09 – ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Baltimore County Public Schools (Board) recognizes that there is significant opportunity to reduce and improve our environmental impact through sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, The Board also recognizes that opportunities exist within our system to reduce our environmental footprint; and

WHEREAS, The Baltimore County Public Schools has set forth, as part of its strategic plan, the mission of establishing sustainable school facilities and encouraging student environmental stewardship; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education, herewith assembled in regular session on the 4th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-two, shall create an Energy Management and Sustainability stakeholder workgroup tasked with developing recommendations for a new Board Policy on Energy Management and Sustainability to be implemented by the Superintendent; and be it further

RESOLVED, That from such policy, the Energy Management and Sustainability Rule shall contain fiscally sound implementation strategies that include, but are not limited to, reducing waste, preserving the existing natural environment, and transitioning towards clean renewable energy sources; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all future replacement and/or new school construction projects shall be considered for a maximum LEED rating and/or to achieve a net-zero school status; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board encourages the superintendent to expand and support green school programming, environmental extracurricular activities, and environmental curricula in every BCPS school.

Julie C. Henn
Board Chair

Darryl L. Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent

May 4, 2022