Board Policies under Review:
Draft Policies from Series 8000
(1st Reading)

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Presentation Keywords

- **Board policy:**
  - Written guidelines that establish the legal foundation for all Board activity, conform with local and national mandates, and provide an organizing structure for District operations and administration.

- **Board Policy Review Committee (BPRC):**
  - Committee established to help facilitate the Board policy review process by reviewing and discussing feedback on new Board policies and revisions to existing Board policies; comprised of members of the Red Clay community.
Presentation Objectives

- This presentation provides the following information:
  - Overview of policy development process
  - Summary of policies under review
    - Policy 8013 School Choice Enrollment
  - Next steps
    - Timeline for developing policies under review
    - Reminder of ways to participate in the review process
Overview of Policy Development Process

- Draft policies were developed as follows:
  - Identify topics or issues not addressed in the current Board policy manual
  - Research the identified subjects, examine sample policies from school districts throughout the U.S., and analyze relevant documents and legal references
  - Solicit input on draft policy content from appropriate departments and legal counsel, and assemble draft policies accordingly
  - Distribute draft policies for internal and legal review and approval in preparation for the 1st reading/presentation to the Board
Policy 8013
School Choice Enrollment

Purpose:
- To propose revisions that are intended to
  - incorporate relevant information from another policy regarding assignment of students to schools,
  - clarify current practice,
  - clarify the responsibilities of the choice office in relation to notifications transmitted to school choice applicants,
  - correct outdated or inaccurate information, and
  - change some timelines related to the choice enrollment process in order to better accommodate school planning needs (e.g., staffing and enrollment projections) and to allow for greater continuity in students’ educational programming
Policy 8013
School Choice Enrollment

Main points:

- Incorporate Policy JECC Assignment of Students to Schools, with the following revisions:
  - In the section that states that a student “who changes residence after the start of the fourth marking period will be extended the option to continue attendance at his/her present school until the conclusion of that school year, change “after the start of the fourth marking period” to “after September 30”
  - Add a statement to explain that if a student changes residence after September 30 and the student wishes to remain at his/her present until the end of the grade configuration, the student must apply for choice
  - Delete the section pertaining to responsibility for student transportation, which are no longer accurate or necessary (transportation is addressed by Policy 8013)
Policy 8013
School Choice Enrollment

Main points (continued):

- Correct and update the wording of the choice enrollment period to reflect state law
- Clarify the availability of choice applications from the district website
- Update the address of the Choice Office
- Correct and update the wording of good cause provisions to match language from state law
Policy 8013
School Choice Enrollment

Main points (continued):

- Add clarification where necessary to establish that the district is responsible for transmitting notifications to choice applicants but is not responsible for ensuring the accuracy of applicants’ contact information
- Change the length of time for which the wait list will be maintained for in-district students, from “until the first day of school” to “until June 30”
## Next Steps

**Timeline for developing policies under review:**

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Next Steps

To participate in the policy review process:

- Visit the “Board Policies under Review” section of the District website to view draft policies.
- Email your feedback on draft policies to boardpolicy@redclay.k12.de.us.
- Attend the next BPRC meeting to hear feedback received to date and to voice your feedback during the designated public hearing portion.
- Submit your feedback during the designated public comment portion of the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.