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Prince George's County Public Schools Government Relations Update

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEADS THE STATE IN DEVELOPING AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY

As we stand on the brink of a groundbreaking transformation in education, incorporating AI into our classrooms marks an era of unparalleled potential and innovation for Prince George's County students. Just one year ago, we saw ChatGPT come on the scene, and our world in education was forever changed by artificial intelligence.

A decision was made at the Board of Education Meeting on February 22, 2024, to solicit feedback from the public on the AI Policy. All public input must be submitted by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 8, 2024. During the Policy

and Governance Committee meeting scheduled for March 12, 2024, the Committee will assess the received comments to determine whether any adjustments are warranted to the Policy. Following this review, the Committee will vote on forwarding the Policy to the Board, recommending its approval as First Reader. Upon approval at this stage, the Policy will progress to the Board for consideration as Second Reader. Should the Board endorse the Policy at Second Reader, it will be officially enacted. However, this transformation is not without its challenges. We are mindful of concerns regarding data privacy,



Superintendent Millard House II

algorithmic bias and the ethical implications of AI in education. As we embrace this technological shift, PGCPS remains steadfast in our commitment to implementing robust safeguards, ensuring transparency, and continuously evaluating and refining our approach to mitigate these risks.

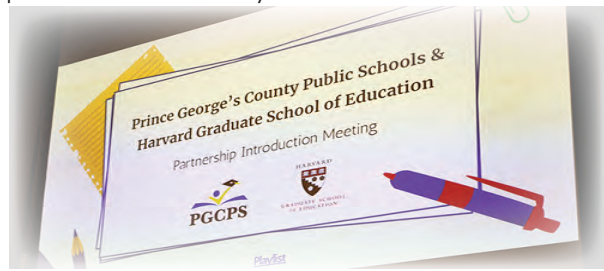


Superintendent House and Chief of Staff Quincy Boyd who is a Harvard University Alumna, joined Dr. Mary Grassa O'Neill and Dr. Frances D. Barnes

PGCPS Partners with Harvard University Doctoral School on AI

The Harvard Graduate School of Education's (HGSE) 13th Doctoral Leadership Cohort is bringing their diverse experiences teaching, innovating, and leading school systems nationwide to PGCPS! As part of the cohort's Doctor of Education Leadership (Ed.L.D.) Program, 18 educators and public education leaders are teaming up with PGCPS department leaders in

the Office of Schools, Support & Leadership, Human Resources, Information Technology and Career & Technical Education to explore innovative strategies and solutions for both classroom instruction and operational efficiency.





Dr. Jennifer Love
Supervisor of Language Access and Engagement

Translation Services Pathways Programs

Parkdale High Schools World Languages program offers an amazing Interpretations and Translation services Pathways program. These amazing students are preparing for a much needed career after graduation. The mission of the Office of Interpreting and Translation (OIT) is to bridge communication for families through the provision of language access resources, facilitating professional and efficient written translation and oral interpreting services. Central to the mission of the OIT is to support schools and offices with language-specific communication, such that families may have equitable opportunities for engagement.

[Watch the Video](#) to Learn More

Supporting Families Through Operation Warm

Through a partnership with Operation Warm, thousands of winter coats and pairs of shoes were distributed to elementary school Parent Engagement Specialists (PEAs) for families in need.

Zulma Pacheco, PEA at Carrollton Elementary School, said she is grateful for the donations and knows that her community will be appreciative. Pacheco is also hosting a donation drive at her school through April to give away much needed items to students and families.



Superintendent House distributed clothes and shoes to students in need.

PGCPS & Apples Project Creativity

PGCPS and the Department of Creative and Performing Arts is pleased to announce it has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for the 2023–2026 program term for its innovative program called Project: Creativity. This program currently resides in 23 high schools and was selected for this distinction based on its commitment to continuous innovation in education and using Apple products to create exemplary learning practices.



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Advocacy

PGCPS IN ANNAPOLIS



Board Member Dr. Juanita Miller and Vice Chair Lolita Walker join Chief of Staff Quincy Boyd for 2024 Alpha Kappa Alpha Day in Annapolis on February 28th.



PGCPS Government Relations Administrator Shelby McRae joined The Links, Incorporated for Links Advocacy Day on March 6th



POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Jonathan Briggs, Chair

The Policy & Governance Committee (Committee) is committed to developing, repealing, and advancing policies that reflect the realities of our school district and its many stakeholders, including students, teachers, parents, administrators, and the broader community. We know that through collaboration and transparency, we can foster policies that reflect the values and experiences of those most impacted by its decisions. The Committee is committed to putting equity and partnership at the forefront of all of its decision-making, and our goal this year is to encourage engagement and remove any barriers to access to ensure that the work of this committee is inclusive and impactful.

To that end, recently, the Policy & Governance Committee approved that the following policies have been advanced for consideration as a second reader:

Revised Policy 0105 - Parent, Family, and Community Involvement.

Revised Policy 0117 - Information Technology Services - Information Security.

Revised Policy 5116 - Appeals Process of Student Transfer Requests (Rescission).

Additionally, bylaw 9250 - Legal Counsel is a policy allowing the Board of Education to retain counsel to represent it in legal matters that affect the Board and contract to pay a reasonable fee to the counsel. It was approved to be advanced for consideration as a first reader.

These policies represent important updates and revisions aimed at enhancing various aspects of our educational system and ensuring the safety, security, and engagement of our students, families, and community members. We look forward to further discussion and deliberation on these policies in the upcoming sessions.

Separately, Prince George's County was recently acknowledged by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) as a leader among other counties in the state in its proactive efforts to develop a policy to address artificial intelligence. The policy aims to provide guidelines for introducing and using artificial intelligence with staff for productivity and instruction and with students.



PGCPS CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

BOE: Policy and Governance Committee Meeting

Virtual / Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

BOE: Academic Achievement Committee Meeting

Virtual / Zoom Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2024
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

BOE: Operations, Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee Meeting

Virtual / Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

BOE: Board Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 2024
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Spring Break – Schools Closed for Students and Teachers

Monday, March 25, 2024 & Tuesday, March 26, 2024
All Day (ET)

The end of Legislative Session is quickly approaching, please don't forget to complete the [survey](#) about our first Legislative Day by April 1!

Good News!

Three PGCPS Schools, Dozens of Educators Honored for Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education

Capitol Heights, Greenbelt and Longfields elementary schools have been named 2023 Maryland Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Schools. This is the third year Capitol Heights (2013, 2018) and Greenbelt (2014, 2019) received EGATE Awards and the second time for Longfields (2018). Fifty-three Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) teachers, administrators and students were also honored. The EGATE Award recognizes public schools that offer superior and equitable gifted and talented education. Through a rigorous application process, school teams document how their school's program aligns with Maryland Criteria for Excellence: Gifted and Talented Education Program Guidelines.

Latino Education Summit Featured White House Hispanic Initiative Executive Director

On Saturday, March 9, White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Hispanics Executive Director Melody Gonzales held head the Inaugural Prince George's County Latino Education Summit, which explored advancing educational equity for Latinx students. Hosted by the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Office of Diversity Equity and Belonging, District 8 Board of Education Member Madeline LaSalle-Frazier and the Prince George's County Office of Latino Affairs, the summit featured panels focused on maximizing the educational experience for Latino students

Building Faster & Smarter: PGCPS to Open Six New Schools During 23-24 School Year

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will open the doors to six new state-of-the-art schools for the 2023-24 school year, underlining historic investments in modernizing rapidly aging school buildings and addressing growing enrollment.

The Blueprint Schools, include four building replacements — Drew-Freeman Middle School in Suitland; Hyattsville Middle School; Kenmoor Middle School in Landover; and Walker Mill Middle School in Capitol Heights — and two new schools, Sonia Sotomayor Middle School at Adelphi and Colin L. Powell Academy in Fort Washington. Overall, the schools will provide capacity for 8,000 students.