



# ENGAGE PGCPS

## TOP STORIES

### What's New? Students Bring You the Latest!



Student newscasters highlight Hispanic Heritage Month, the upgraded Howard B. Owens Science Center for STEM education and brand new, state-of-the-art schools!

### PGCPS Breaks Ground on New Projects



### 48th Student-Built House

Students and staff from [construction trades programs](#) launched the latest student-built house project in Bowie. Students will work with licensed contractors to build a home during the 2024-25 school year.



### Fairwood Elementary School

PGCPS celebrated its fourth groundbreaking of the school year for the new Fairwood Elementary in Bowie, part of the eight [Blueprint Schools Phase II](#) projects. The energy-efficient school is slated to open in 2027.



## Apply Now: High School Specialty Programs



The [application window](#) for high school specialty programs is open now through December 13!

### Other Program Deadlines:

**Career & Technical Education (CTE):** [Apply now](#) through Dec. 13

**Charter Schools & K-8 Specialty Programs Lottery:** Nov. 1 – Feb. 7, 2025

**TAG Lottery:** Dec. 16 – March 12, 2025

*Be sure to mark your calendars and [apply](#) before the deadlines!*

**Want to learn more about the options?** [Join us](#) on Thursday, Nov. 7 at our annual **Specialty Programs Showcase!**

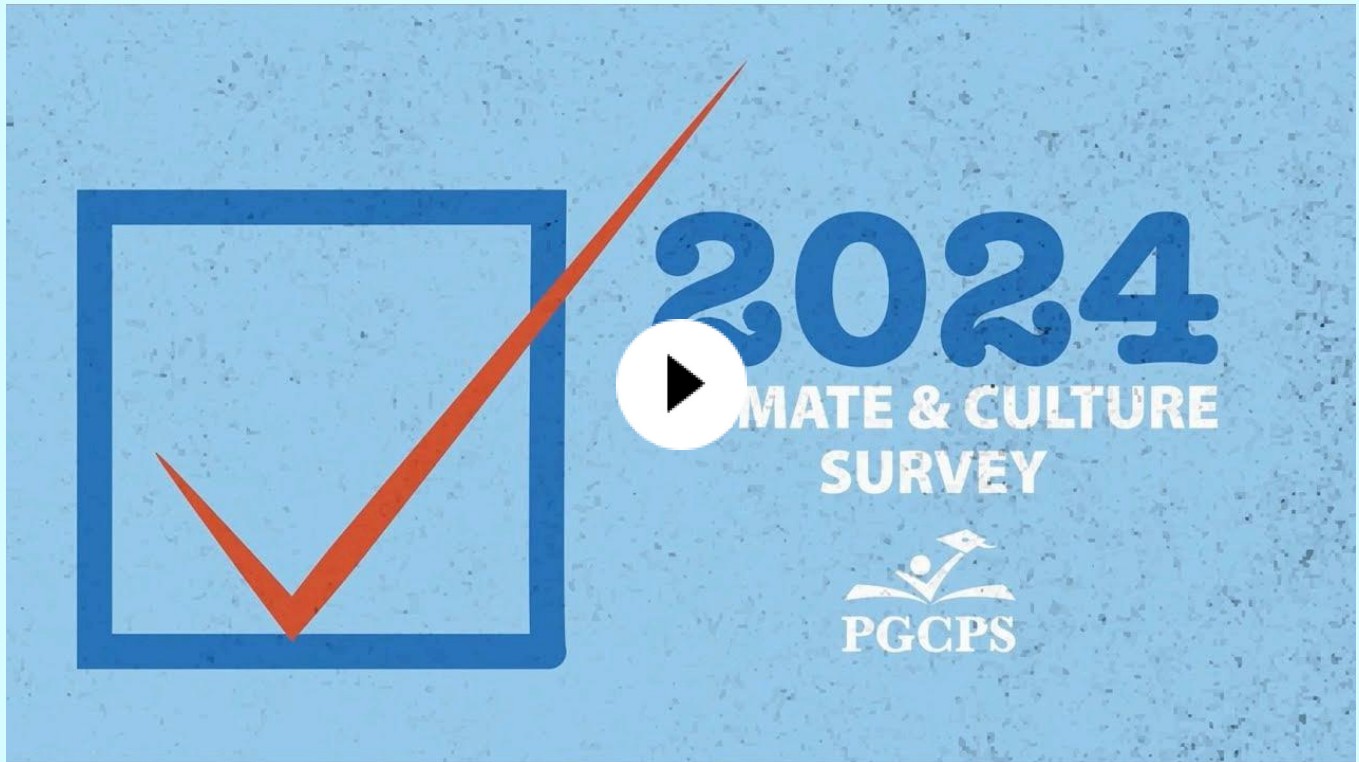
## Leading the Way in Green Action!



PGCPS recently reaffirmed its commitment to climate action and sustainability!

[Learn More](#)

## Climate & Culture: Your Voice Matters!



The Climate & Culture survey is open! Your feedback helps create better schools and shape the district's future.

[Survey](#)

## Spotlight on Student Athletes



This episode of “The Sideline” takes a closer look at the Northwestern Wildcats Varsity soccer program!

## BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS

### **State Now Accepting Nominations for Student Member of the Board**

The Maryland Association of Student Councils is accepting nominations for the [2025-26 State Student Member of the Board of Education \(SMOB\)](#) through Nov. 18. Interested students can join an informational webinar on Oct. 10.

## FAMILY RESOURCES

### **5th Annual Family Institute Conference**





Our annual Family Institute Conference returns Saturday, Nov. 9! Don't miss this opportunity to connect with experts, engage with fellow families and gather the tools you need to make the most of this school year.

[Register](#)

## HOT TOPICS

[ParentVue Support](#)

[Report a Bus or Walking Route Issue](#)

[StopFinder App](#)

[Apply for Free and Reduced-Price Meals](#)

[Back to School Night Dates](#)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**October 7** – [Parent-Teacher Conferences – Schools Closed for Students](#)

**October 8** – [First Quarter Progress Reports Released Online](#)

**October 8** – [Family Institute: Stopfinder](#) – 6-7:30 p.m.

**October 9** – [College & Career Fair](#) – 6-8 p.m.

**October 10** – [Phyllis E. Williams Spanish Immersion Project Update](#) – 6-7 p.m.

**October 15** – [Family Institute: Understand the IEP](#) – 6-7:30 p.m.

**October 17** – [Board of Education Work Session](#) – 5-7 p.m.

**October 18** – Professional Development: Schools Closed for Students

## QUICK LINKS

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

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