



## Top News

### Five New Schools, One Exciting Week!



Ribbon-cutting celebrations were held this week for Drew-Freeman, Hyattsville, Kenmoor, Sonia Sotomayor and Walker Mill middle schools! PGCPS is the first school-system in the nation to leverage a public private partnership model for accelerated school construction.



A second phase is planned to continue this progress with an additional six elementary and two Pre-K - 8 schools.

All events were livestreamed and can be viewed [here](#).

## **Tuesday: School Safety Action Forum**



Join Superintendent Millard House II and community partners Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. for a dialogue on how PGCPS is working to ensure safe schools, plus, how you can take action. The event will be live streamed on the [PGCPS YouTube channel](#).

[Submit a Question](#)

## Superintendent's Town Halls

High Point High School September 27 6 - 8 pm	Charles H. Flowers High School October 18 6 - 8 pm
Oxon Hill High School October 10 6 - 8 pm	Virtual Town Hall Meeting October 23 6 - 7:30 pm

Superintendent House kicks off a series of town halls next week as an opportunity for stakeholders to share ideas on the future of PGCPS!

### Town Hall Dates

September 27  
6:00 - 8 p.m. | High Point High School

October 10  
6 - 8 p.m. | Oxon Hill High School

October 18



6-8 p.m. | Charles H. Flowers High School

October 23

6-7:30 p.m. | Virtual Town Hall Meeting

## Parent-Teacher Conference Language Resources for Oct. 9

With parent-teacher conferences approaching, please make note of language access resources to support communication with parents who are not native speakers of English.

[Learn More](#)

## Representation Matters: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month!

“When you speak the language of a person, it goes to the heart.” Hear from Dr. Leroy Alicea-Cabassa, founding principal of Sonia Sotomayor Middle School at Adelphi.



Meet Laura Guzman, proud principal of César Chávez Dual Spanish Immersion, who hails from Puerto Rico!



Hispanic Heritage Month Coverage

## #PGCPS Proud Spotlight

### PGCPS Leader Honored for Excellence



Chief Operating Officer Dr. Charoscar Coleman received the Sustainability Award from the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition. The award honors local and national leaders who are committed to implementing climate solutions.

### National Community Schools Coordinators Week



PGCPS Community School Coordinators (CSCs) connect families with critical resources that help remove barriers to learning, including meals, health services, enrichment activities, community sponsorship, partnerships and volunteers. Thank you, PGCPS CSCs for your work building bridges between our communities and schools!

## Announcements and Professional Development

### Save the Date: Benefits Open Enrollment Starts Oct. 9



The open enrollment period for calendar year 2024 will be held from October 9-25. This is your opportunity to update benefit elections for next year.

### STEM Fellowship



Learn more about a professional learning opportunity for PGCPs educators who teach math, science, engineering, or technology to students in grades 4 through 12.

**In-person**

Wednesday, Oct. 11 and Oct. 25

Both Sessions will be held at Charles. H. Flowers High School from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

**Virtual**

Tuesday, Nov. 7

5 - 6:30 p.m.

Zoom link will be provided via eDoctrina

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**Help Local Youth Experiencing Homelessness**

The McKinney Vento Program seeks community partners and trusted adults in schools to join the Ally Partners Program. and become a trusted point of contact for students experiencing homelessness in Prince George’s County. Workshop pay may be available for some staff.

Training will held at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates via Zoom:

Wednesday, October 25

Wednesday, November 29

Wednesday, January 31

Wednesday, February 28

[More Information](#)

## Save the Date: Specialty Programs Showcase



Mark your calendar for the PreK-Grade 12 [Specialty Programs](#) Showcase!

## PGCPS Express Update

Beginning in October and through the end of the year, *PGCPS Express* will be distributed twice a month as we work toward a rebrand to better serve you. During this transition, please visit the [staff portal](#) often for updates on professional development opportunities, news and teachers and staff spotlights. Announcements and news can continue to be shared to [newsletters@pgcps.org](mailto:newsletters@pgcps.org).

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