



Top News

Nearly 75% of PGCPS Schools Improve in Academic Achievement



The Maryland State Department of Education's latest [report cards and star ratings](#) show an upswing in academic achievement for most PGCPS schools! For the 2022-2023 school year, 72.4 percent of PGCPS schools received among the three highest ratings of 3, 4 and 5-star, an increase from last year. And when compared to the state average, more of our schools gained a star from last year, while fewer schools lost a star.

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Inaugural Legislative Day

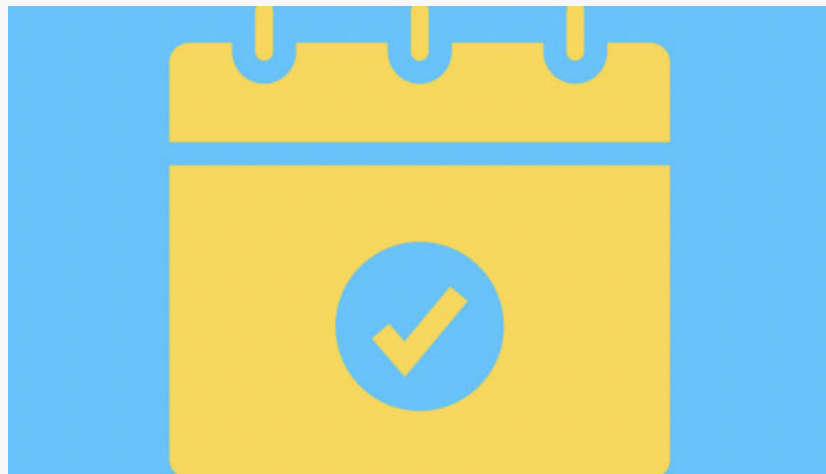


State and county elected officials, district leadership, Board of Education members and students convened for PGCPs' inaugural Legislative Day! During the event, PGCPs introduced the [2024 Legislative Platform](#), which outlines measures the school system supports and opposes for potential impact on students, staff and families.

"The 2024 Legislative Platform marks a critical step in enhancing our communication and collaboration with elected officials," said Superintendent Millard House II. "This tool will serve as a roadmap to guide our ongoing work advocating for the unique and evolving needs of our school system and building stronger ties with state and local lawmakers."

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Feedback Wanted: 2024-25 School Calendar



We are finalizing the 2024-2025 school year calendar and need your input! Review two draft options and take the survey by Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Calendar Survey

Greenbelt Middle School New Science Bowl Champs



Congratulations to Greenbelt Middle School for [winning](#) the Middle School Science Bowl Championship!

Share Your #PGCPSholiday Spirit!



The halls of Bradbury Heights Elementary School are decked for #PGCPSholiday!

Join us in illuminating the diverse holiday experiences within PGCPs! Share photos or videos showcasing special holiday moments from your classroom or school as we countdown to a well-deserved break together.

Upload/View Gallery

Check out Superintendent House, Dr. Sheila Jackson, who leads our Family & Community Partnerships team, and students from Tulip Grove Elementary

School [discussing school and family collaboration](#) and [spreading holiday cheer](#) this week on FOX5!



Announcements and Professional Development

Town Hall Postponed

The Superintendent's town hall scheduled for this week was postponed and will be rescheduled.

Scholarships Available Through MRSPA Foundation

The [Maryland Retired School Personnel Association](#), is offering three \$2,000 scholarships to public school employees in Maryland who are enrolled in a program leading to teacher certification or certification as a school counselor, speech, and language pathologist, physical or occupational therapist, school social worker, administrator or supervisor, media specialist or school psychologist. [Applications](#) will be available online on Jan. 2.

ACE Holiday

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Staff Newsletter Update

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 good news can continue to be shared to newsletters@pgcps.org.

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