Jumpstart Your Engagement with PGCPS

Parent and Community Advisory Council Committee
Quick Steps to Jumpstart Your Engagement

The PGCPS Parent and Community Advisory Council is committed to helping you get connected, become involved and gain knowledge as a partner in education. Effective engagement is aligned with individual accountability. We all have a part to play in creating a world-class education system for our students.

A. GET CONNECTED!

1. Register for **School Max Family Portal**- to view student information- grades, absences, etc.(available to access via desktop or download as mobile app)
    https://idm.pgcps.org/identity/faces/parentregistration.jsp

    ➕ Family portal parent user guide:
    https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ng2EQMYo0Mt7nJeAiUkrRfRIkq1BdZcRNgSv_Q5uDGE/edit#

2. Sign-up for **School Messenger** to receive PGCPS district-wide information via phone, email and SMS text messages.
    https://www.pgcps.org/offices/newsroom/schoolmessenger

3. Follow PGCPS via social media:
    - **Twitter-** https://twitter.com/pgcps
    - F**acebook:** https://www.facebook.com/pgcps
    - **LinkedIn:** https://www.linkedin.com/company/pgcps/
    - **YouTube:** https://www.youtube.com/user/pgcpsvideo
    - **Public Cable Channel 96/38:**
      http://vod.pgcps.org/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=1
    - **Public Access TV:** http://vod.pgcps.org/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=2
    - **Newsroom:** https://www.pgcps.org/offices/newsroom/photo-galleries

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B. GET INVOLVED!

1. Share your time and talents as a **volunteer** with PGCPS.
    https://offices.pgcps.org/volunteer/cards/Become-a-Volunteer/

2. Encourage a **business** to adopt a school.
    https://www.pgcps.org/offices/community-partnerships/adopt-a-school-program

3. **Engage** with PGCPS Board and Board committees:
    - **Access key information about the Board of Education.** (meeting dates, archived meetings, etc.)- https://www.pgcps.org/board/

    - **Register to provide testimony at a meeting.**
      https://www.pgcps.org/offices/board-of-education/participate-in-a-board-meeting-or-a-public-hearing

C. GAIN KNOWLEDGE!

1. Read BOE policies and district administrative procedures.

    - **Board of Education (BOE) Policies:**
      https://www.pgcps.org/offices/general-counsel/board-policies

    - **Current school year policy tracker (latest updates and developments):**
      https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1E2nvF7AwNPUfwaEPyTU5oH5QM1J6IIP-K2mcEawydAo/edit#gid=0

    - **PGCPS Administrative Procedures:**
      https://www.pgcps.org/offices/general-counsel/administrative-procedures

    - **Parent Handbook:** https://www.pgcps.org/parents/code-of-conduct-for-families-and-visitors

    - **Students' Rights and Responsibilities Handbook:**
      https://www.pgcps.org/offices/pupil-personnel-services/student-rights-and-responsibilities-handbook

2. A Guide to Addressing Questions and Concerns:
    https://www.pgcps.org/about-pgcps/contact-us/a-guide-to-addressing-questions-and-concerns