



## Transformation 2026 Equity and Excellence

FY 2023 CEO's Proposed  
Operating Budget

CEO Dr. Monica Goldson [unveiled a \\$2.6 billion proposed budget](#) for fiscal year 2023 with a focus on educational and operational improvement for PGCPs through transformation, equity and innovation.

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**All Students to Return to In-Person Learning in January**



With the release of the COVID-19 vaccine for children under age 12, we look forward to welcoming back all kindergarten through sixth grade students in late January for in-person teaching and learning.

While we awaited the approval of the pediatric vaccine, PGCPS is proud to have been the only school system in Maryland to offer virtual learning to every elementary-aged student who requested it. The K-6 Virtual Learning Program was always designed to be a temporary accommodation for families with younger children during this waiting period. It will now end Friday, Jan. 28, and students will return to school Monday, Jan. 31. Contact your child's school for more information.

[Contact Your Child's School](#)

**COVID-19 Safety Measures Update**



PGCPS encourages families to continue to actively take precautions to stay safe from COVID-19. In addition to getting the recommended vaccinations, please continue using these preventive steps:

- Wear face covering at all times inside the building.
- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds on both sides and between the fingers.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid people who are ill.
- Disinfect high-contact surfaces, such as door knobs and tables.
- Maintain an appropriate distance from others.
- Remain home if you are feeling ill.

PGCPS staff will continue taking the preventative measures listed above, using CDC-recommended cleaning protocols in buildings, utilizing virtual meetings when possible and monitoring for symptoms following [CDC guidelines](#).

Weekly random COVID-19 testing and screening will continue to help prevent outbreaks in schools. Families are encouraged to register with the COVID-19 Testing and Screening vendor assigned to your school. Contact your school for more information. Electronic consent forms can be found on the [PGCPS COVID Student Testing and Screening](#) google site.

## **County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Relocates, Offers New Vaccine Opportunities for December**



The Health Department's vaccination clinic at Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Complex has relocated to Prince George's Community College in Largo. Walk-ins for Dec. 16 and 17 will not be accepted. Appointments scheduled for Dec. 12-15 at the Sports and Learning Complex are being rescheduled for the new community college clinic.

The next round of first dose vaccines for children ages five and older begins Dec. 16 at school clinics throughout the county. Clinics will be held this week at eight elementary school sites

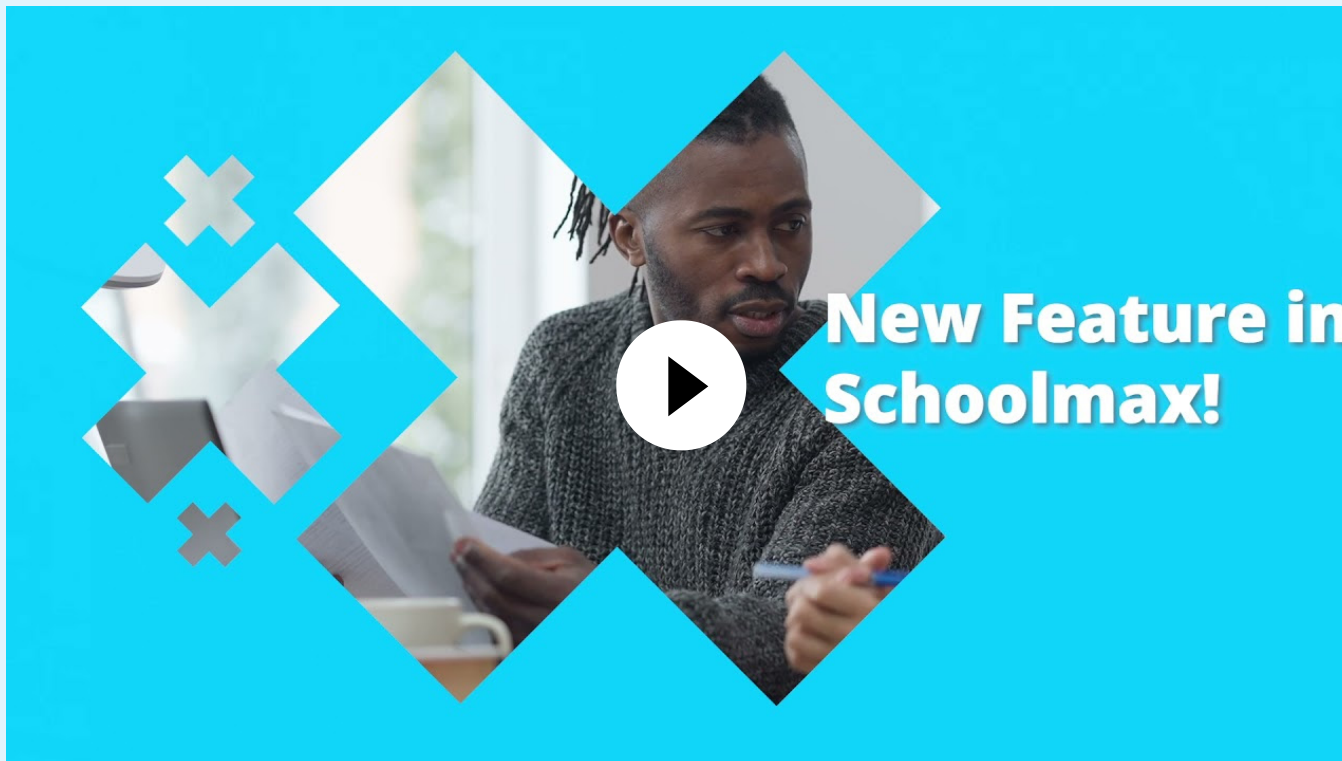
including: Baden, Bradbury Heights, Gladys Noon Spellman, Hillcrest Heights, John H. Bayne, Mary Harris “Mother” Jones, Thomas Stone and William Beanes.

Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are encouraged. To make an appointment, please go to [tomypgc.us/COVIDvaccine](https://tomypgc.us/COVIDvaccine) (school mobile clinics tab in middle of page).

Details and a [complete school clinic schedule](#) are available online.

[Make an Appointment](#)

## What You Should Know This Week: PGCPS in a Minute



Check out [PGCPS in a Minute](#) to learn about the new feature in SchoolMax and more on what you need to know for the week!

## Weekly Meal Packages Available



Each Thursday, students and parents/guardians can pick up free meal boxes consisting of breakfast and lunch for five days at community centers throughout the county.

**North**

Rollingcrest Community Center 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Langley Park Community Center 3 – 4 p.m.

**Central**

Kentland Community Center 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Suitland Community Center 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Oakcrest Community Center 1 – 2 p.m.

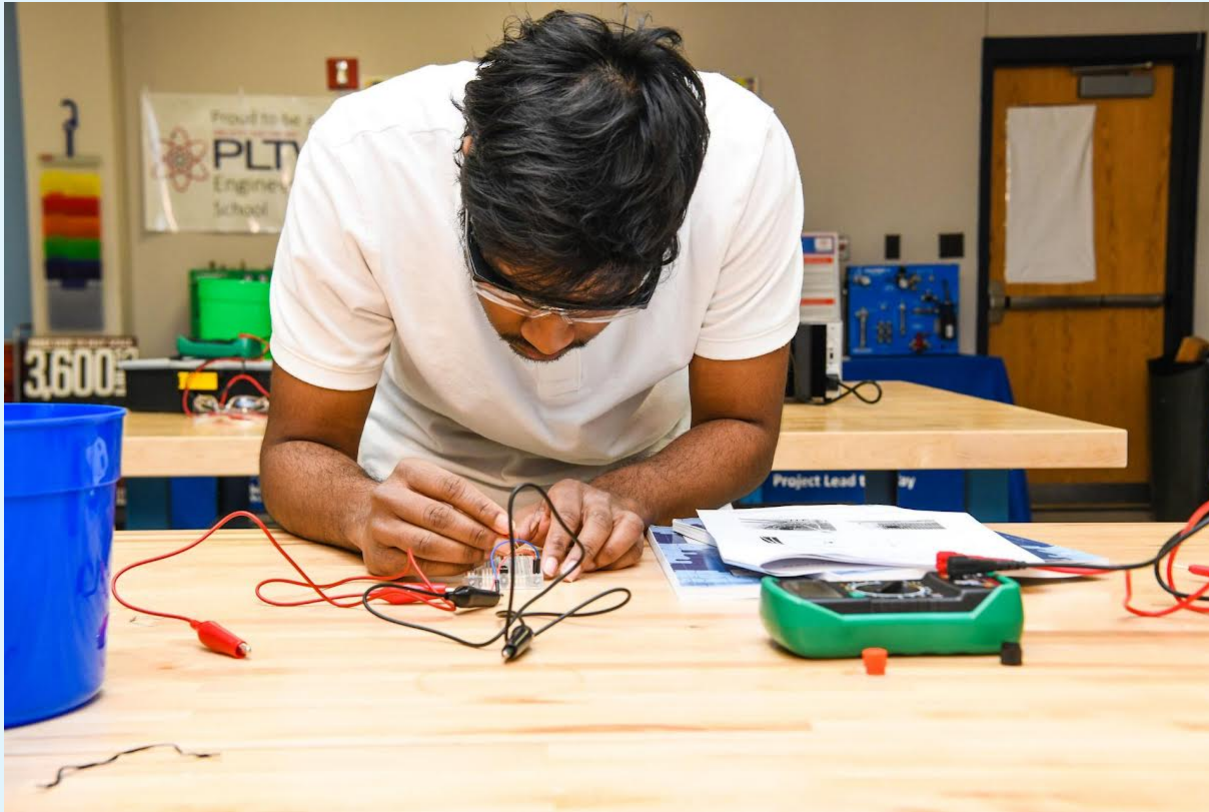
**South**

Glassmanor Community Center 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Marlow Heights Community Center 3 – 4 p.m.

[Learn More](#)

## Deadline Extended for Some HS Specialty Programs



The Specialty Programs application deadline has been extended to Jan. 7, 2022 for the following high school programs:

- International Baccalaureate Programme
- Career and Technical Education Programs
- P-TECH
- 3D Scholars

***The deadline to apply to other high school specialty programs and creative and performing arts programs for Grades 6-8 was Dec. 10.***

[Learn More](#)

## New! Track Community Service Hours in SchoolMax



PGCPS has added a new Community Service Hours tab to the SchoolMAX Parent Portal for Grades 6-12.

Community service hours are required for graduation. This new addition will help track service hours as students earn the total number required for graduation.

[Track Service Hours](#)





## First Quarter Winners: Let's Knock Attendance Out of the Park

School attendance remains a priority for PGcps and we are excited to announce the first quarter **Let's Knock Attendance out of the Park** winners! Congratulations to the following schools for having the lowest chronic absenteeism rate during the first quarter:

**Team A (All Elementary Schools)** – Heather Hills and Glenarden Woods

**Team B (All Middle Schools)** – Samuel Ogle

**Team C (All High Schools)** – Academy of Health Sciences @PGCC

**Team D (K-8, Specialty, Charter)** – Imagine Foundation Charter @Leeland

**Team E (Montessori, Early Childhood, Regional)** – Online Campus

[Learn More](#)

## Scholar of the Week: Meet Flowers HS Student and Aspiring Pediatric Surgeon Oluwakemi Abiodu



Oluwakemi Abiodun

CHARLES H. FLOWERS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
4.4 GPA

## PGCPS SCHOLAR OF THE WEEK

Oluwakemi Abiodun is a senior at Charles H. Flowers High School and enrolled in the Science and Technology program.

Oluwakemi, who holds a 4.48 GPA, plans to attend the University of Maryland College Park and major in biology. She loves to serve others and hopes to attend Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine to pursue a career as a pediatric surgeon.

Oluwakemi is the president of the Principal's Action Council and Vice President of the National English Honor Society. She has received several awards including the PGCPS Spirit of Service Award, Minds in Motion Scholar Athlete, Principal's Honor Roll and NIH-YCC Best Intern.

In her spare time she enjoys playing sports, spending time with her family and volunteering at her church.

**Deadline Extended: *The Washington Post* Principal and Teacher of the Year Awards**



We are still accepting nominations for *The Washington Post* 2021-22 principal and teacher of the year awards! The deadline to nominate a teacher or principal has been extended to **Friday, Jan. 7, 2022**.

Completed applications should be submitted to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org). One teacher and one principal will be selected to represent PGCPS in the contest.

[Principal of the Year Nomination Packet](#)

[Teacher of the Year Nomination Packet](#)

## Free K-5 Reading Tutoring



Sign up for free reading tutoring for students in kindergarten through fifth grade with BookNook! Tutoring features an engaging learning platform that is fun for students and proven to help accelerate literacy skills. Experienced tutors leading small group online sessions with flexible scheduling and virtual access at home.

Register

## Ready, Set Go! Virtual Career Expos



Join us for a virtual career expo on Wednesday, Dec.15 to help students explore career options and learn more about interview techniques, resume writing, dressing for success and more! [Download the flyer](#) for more details.

Register

## QUICK LINKS

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