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César Chávez Dual Spanish Immersion
Cherokee Lane Elementary
Chillum Elementary
Cool Spring Elementary
Edward M. Felegy Elementary
Hyattsville Elementary
Hyattsville Middle
International High School at Langley Park
Langley Park-McCormick Elementary
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Mount Rainier Elementary
Nicholas Orem Middle
Northwestern High
Ridgecrest Elementary
Rosa L. Parks Elementary
Thomas S. Stone Elementary
University Park Elementary

Dear PGCPS Board of Education Colleagues,

I am pleased to present this interim progress report from the Climate Change Action Plan Focus Work Group to the PGCPS Board of Education to update you on the work to date and the timeline moving forward. It has been an honor to serve with the climate action experts that have volunteered their time to help PGCPS plan for clean energy schools and transportation, carbon emissions reduction in all operations, storm water management and climate change education.

Per *PGCPS Board of Education Policy 8100*, this report contains modifications that must be approved by the Board, which include an expanded timeline and work group membership.

Since the March 1, 2021, adoption of the *Prince George's County Board of Education Climate Change Action Plan Focus Work Group Resolution* and the *Prince George's County Board of Education, Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) Focus Work Group Proposal*, the work group has met monthly and hosted the PGCPS Climate Change Action Plan Student Town Hall, the first stakeholder engagement event of the work plan.

Meeting topics to date have included:

- April 2021: Introductions, Intentions, Overview, Planning, PGCPS Structure with special guest Dr. Alvin Thornton.
- May 2021: State and County Legislation/Funding with reports from Work Group Members Delegate Mary Lehman (D-21), County Council Vice-Chair Deni Taveras (D2), Councilmember Thomas Dernoga (D1), and Dawn Hawkins-Nixon Chair of the Prince George's County Climate Action Commission (CAC).
- June 2021: Environmental Justice with special guests Maryland State Senator Clarence Lam; Jan-Michael Archer, University of Maryland's School of Public Health and UMD-NSF Global STEWARD Fellow; Abel Olivo, Executive Director of Defensores de la Cuenca; Staci Hartwell, NAACP Prince George's County Branch as the Environment and Health Chair; Emily Frias, Chesapeake Climate Action Network.
- July 2021: Education and Awareness with special guest Dr. Kia McDaniel, Director, PGCPS Curriculum & Instruction.

The future meeting schedule and final deliverables timeline has changed and requires Board approval. This is a change from the original plan to conclude the deliverables of the work group by October 1, 2021.

Updated Timeline:

- September 15, 2021 - Special Topic: Labor Present and Future
- October 6, 2021 - Special Topic: Materials and Waste Cycles and Special Topic: Food/Food Waste
- October 20, 2021 - Special Topic: Building Construction Maintenance, and Operations
- November 3, 2021 - Special Topic: Electricity
- November 17, 2021 - Special Topic: Transportation
- December 1, 2021 - Special Topic: Storm Water and Land Management

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- December 15, 2021 - Review of Initial Plan Draft
- January 19, 2022 - Review of Final Draft
- February 2022 - Present PGCPS Climate Change Action Plan to Board as First Reader

All meeting agendas, documents and minutes are available on BoardDocs, https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/pgcps/Board.nsf/Public.

All meeting recordings and summaries are archived on the work group website, https://www.pgcps.org/climate.

Additional work group deliverables have included:

- PGCPS Climate Change Action Plan Student Town Hall with student moderated breakout sessions held May 20, 2021. (Recording available on https://www.pgcps.org/climate)
- Data request to PGCPS administration for each of the primary mission areas outlined in the *Prince George's County Board of Education, Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) Focus Work Group Proposal.*
- Survey for PGCPS stakeholders to be distributed in September 2021.
- Launch of the work group website with thanks to Max A. Pugh Jr., PGCPS Web Services Supervisor.

Over the next few months, the work group will leverage topic-specific small groups and develop a CCAP working document to capture best practices, key data, and draft recommendations. This document will be the foundation for the Final Report and Presentation of the PGCPS Climate Change Action Plan.

Work Group Membership Changes

Student Representatives on the work group, Asia Gray and Nanette Amihere, are now both graduates of PGCPS Class of 2021. They will now serve on the work group in the capacity of representing PGCPS alumni. Both students are exemplary leaders on behalf of the student body and the work group is pleased that they will stay involved as college students.

Three students who have been participants in the student activities of the work group have been invited to serve in the capacity of Student Representatives:

- Breanna Malcolm, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 12th grade
- Ja'bari Woodberry, Fairmount Heights High School, 11th grade
- Nithin Gudderra, Oxon Hill High School, 11th grade

Thank you for your consideration of these changes to the work plan. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions about the work group.

Sincerely,

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