



ENGAGE PGCPS

TOP STORIES

Superintendent Releases Findings of First 90 Days



Superintendent Millard House II released his 90-Day Report outlining immediate actions and future strategies to shape the future of PGCPSS.

[View Report](#)

On Maryland Report Card, PGCPSS Shows Upswing 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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Superintendent Shares Proposed Budget



Superintendent Millard House II shared a \$2.6 billion [proposed budget](#) with the Board of Education last week. The FY 2025 Proposed Annual Operating Budget proposal reflects Board of Education budget priorities, supports the [PGCPs Transformation 2026 Strategic](#)

[Plan](#), includes strategies for closing a \$97 million budget gap and addresses unique budget challenges.

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Inaugural Legislative Day



The new [2024 Legislative Platform](#) was unveiled during an inaugural Legislative Day event on Friday, Dec. 15 attended by district leadership, Board of Education members, student leaders and state and county elected officials, outlines measures the school system supports and opposes for potential impact on PGCPS students, staff and families.

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Grant Supports Children's Health and Family Needs



Learn how a grant from the National Association of School Nurses and Institute for Educational Leadership helped immunize 400 students and provided 150 boxes of culturally-sensitive meals for families!

Greenbelt Middle Wins Science Bowl Championship



Starting with 16 middle schools back in September, the Final Four for Science Bowl finals were Accokeek, Kettering, Greenbelt and Robert Goddard. After two semifinal games, the two finalists emerging to vie for the championship, were two former champs, Greenbelt (having won in 2016) and Robert Goddard (winning in 2021).

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#PGCPSHoliday Spirit!



Grants Financial Management Office (GFMO) staff shares their holiday spirit!

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

[Upload/View Gallery](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be Prepared: Winter Weather



Winter means the potential for weather-related delays or closures. Take a moment to ensure you are signed up to receive [emergency alerts](#) by text message, phone and email. We also

share delay and closings notices on PGcps social media platforms, on pgcps.org at the top of our [home page](#) as well as notifying the news media.

[Learn More](#)

Take the 2024-25 School Calendar Survey!

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

[Family Survey](#)

[Student Survey](#)

[Employee Survey](#)

View the Climate & Culture Survey Results



A big shoutout to Adriana Medrano from Buck Lodge Middle School, the lucky winner of our \$50 gift card drawing!

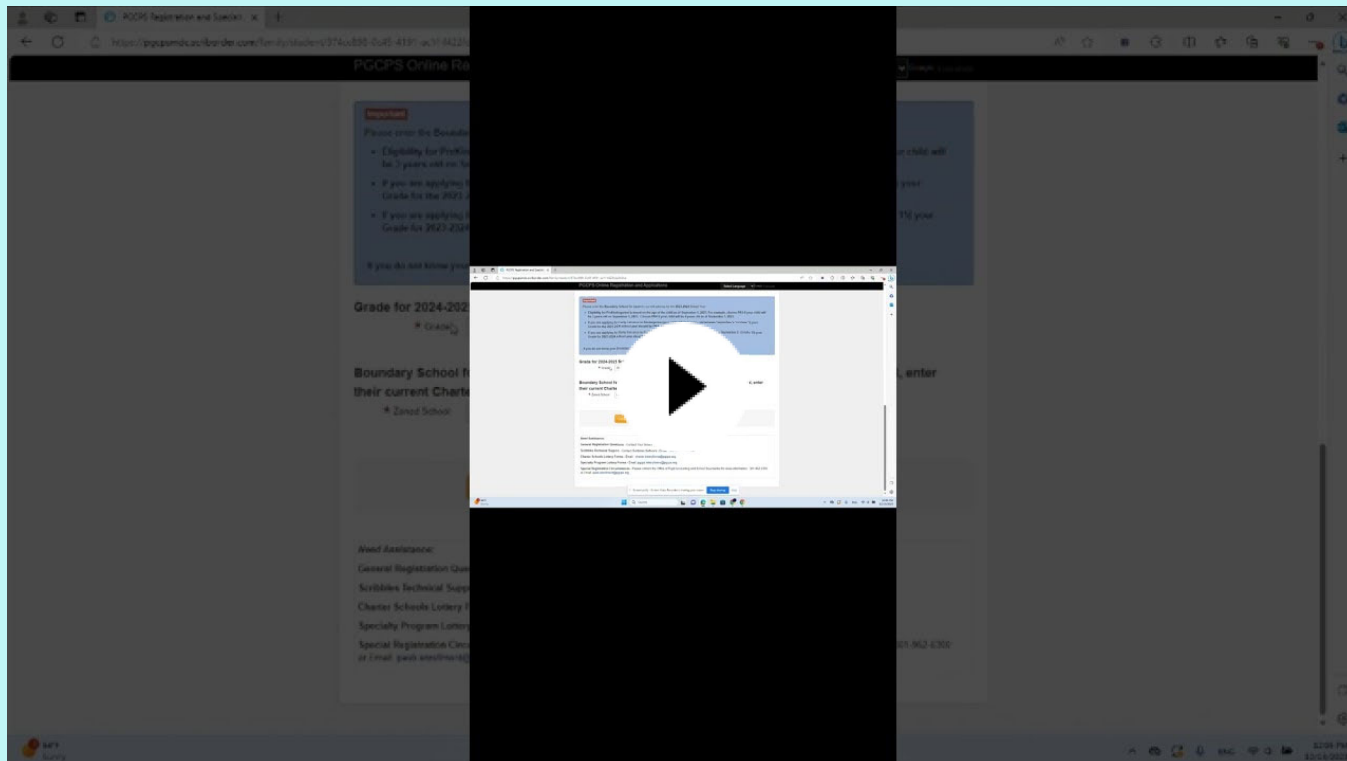
Thank you to the **28,000** members of the PGcps community for your active participation in the 2023 Climate & Culture Survey!

A special kudos to our dedicated Social Studies teachers who spearheaded the survey in classrooms, fostering discussions that allowed over 20,000 6th - 12th-grade students to voice their thoughts and ideas on improving PGcps.

The survey results will be shared January 2024. Your input will help shape the future of PGCPs.

[Read Report](#)

DEADLINE DEC. 31: Federal Impact Aid Survey



If you work on federal property in Maryland or are active duty military, please be sure to complete your Federal Impact Aid Survey! Federal Impact Aid Programs provide financial assistance to school districts that enroll federally connected children, supplementing the operating budget to enhance teaching and learning.

[Log in via ScribOrder Family Dashboard](#) to complete the Impact Aid Program Survey Form by confirming the information and providing a digital signature before Dec. 31, 2023.

Nominate Your School for Green Efforts!



Nominate your school to be recognized for their achievements in recycling and waste diversion! Nominations must be submitted by midnight on Wednesday, Jan. 3. Keep Prince George's County Beautiful (KPGCB) and the Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE) will honor nominees during the annual Waste Diversion and Recycling Awards virtual ceremony on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

[Learn More](#)

Deadline Extended: Third Annual EcoAction Art Contest

THEME: *My Footprint Matters: Each Choice Impacts Climate Change*

NEW DEADLINE: Friday, Dec. 22

The [William S. Schmidt Center](#) is challenging PGCPs students in prekindergarten through Grade 12 to create original artwork that showcases actions they can take to slow down climate change.

[Rules and Entry Form](#)

[Download Flyer](#)

Weigh In: Social Studies Curriculum



Students in grades 6-12, families, social studies teachers and instructional leaders (principals, assistant principals, instructional coaches and social studies curriculum writers) are invited to take part in focus groups that will provide critical feedback on the social studies curriculum for grades 6-11 and high school elective courses.

The 60-90 minute virtual focus groups will be held via Zoom, and all feedback is strictly confidential.

[Complete the Interest Form](#)

FAMILY RESOURCES

REMINDER: Hazel Health Available Online Over Winter Break

Holidays are fun and exciting, but can also be stressful. Mental and physical healthcare is available for students even when schools are closed using virtual Hazel Health services.

[Learn More](#)

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS

Get Involved in the Budget Development Process!

The Board of Education will host budget Work Sessions and Public Hearings in January and February. Review the [Superintendent's Proposed Operating Budget](#) and share your input for next school year's budget!

January 25

Work Session - 5 p.m.

Public Hearing - 7 p.m.

February 1

Work Session - 5 p.m.

Public Hearing - 7 p.m.

February 15

Work Session - 7 p.m.

Public Hearing - 5 p.m.

You can also [submit written comments](#) up to four operating business days before each public hearing.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 25 – January 2 – Winter Break – Schools and Offices Closed

January 10 – [BOE Parent & Community Advisory Council \(PCAC\) Meeting](#)

January 25 – Budget Work Session (5 p.m.) and Public Hearing (7 p.m.)

QUICK LINKS

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

[School Meals](#)

[SchoolMAX Family Portal](#)

[Fall Learning Information](#)

[School Violence Resources and Support](#)

[Bus Info/Finder](#)

[Registration/Enrollment](#)

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