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### BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS RETURN TO SCHOOL

***Prince George's County Public Schools, Prince George's Chamber of Commerce Partner to Engage Business, Community Leaders in 'Principal for a Day' Program***

Prince George's County Public Schools, in partnership with the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce, is inviting local business, government and community leaders to participate in the second annual *Principal for a Day* program on April 14 in the county's public elementary, middle, and high schools.

"Parents and the business community are invited to see and experience the opportunities, challenges, and rewards that principals encounter on a daily basis," said Dr. André J. Hornsby, Chief Executive Officer for Prince George's County Public Schools. "This kind of partnership is mutually beneficial to the school system and the people we serve."

The *Principal for a Day* program brings stakeholders into the public schools for an up-close view of school life. Each participant, working in concert with a school's principal, is allowed to elicit first-hand information from principals, teachers, staff members, and students on the challenges faced in education.

"The need for business and community leadership and involvement in education is essential if we are to equip our youth with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully compete in a highly competitive and global marketplace," said Chamber Chairman Ralph Bazilio. "The establishment of effective business/education partnerships is a top priority of Prince George's County Public Schools, the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce, and the entire community."

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*Principal for a Day* participants are asked to spend the entire day at the assigned school. They should arrive approximately 30 minutes before the start of school. Participants will shadow the principal of their assigned school and should not leave before the final bell of the day in order to experience a complete day. School principals will follow a normal work schedule so that the *Principal for a Day* can observe the scope of their daily responsibilities.

A typical day would include:

- Greeting students upon arrival;
- Having breakfast and/or lunch in the cafeteria with students and/or faculty;
- Reading the pledge of allegiance;
- Visiting classrooms;
- Reading to classes;
- Visiting technology labs;
- Participating in playground or other activities;
- Meeting with students (i.e., during an activity at school, career exploration, etc.);
- Visiting an after-school program; and
- Assisting in the supervision of the dismissal of students.

Applicants are asked to select two schools in order of preference, which will be honored, if possible. However, if their first two selections have already been assigned, a substitution will be made. Each *Principal for a Day* will receive a school profile at the orientation session of their choice. For more information and an application, log on to [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org) or call Mr. Scott Hangey at 301-952-6010 or e-mail to [shangey@pgcps.org](mailto:shangey@pgcps.org).

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