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### SPRING BREAK HOMEWORK PACKETS DESIGNED TO REINFORCE CLASSROOM LESSONS

#### ***Prince George's County Public Schools Preparing Students For Advancement and Success in the Next Grade Level***

To build upon their success this winter, Prince George's County public school students will receive vacation homework packets before leaving for Spring Break. Parents are encouraged to ask to see the spring vacation homework packets and work together with children to complete the assignments on time.

"I thank our parents for making academic success a priority at home and demonstrating its importance by helping your children stay on course for advancement over the break," said Dr. André J. Hornsby, Chief Executive Officer for Prince George's County Public Schools. "By increasing the rigor in our curriculum and keeping students academically active, we can help our children achieve higher results this school year and add to their foundation for future success."

This winter, more than 80 percent of students completed and turned in the first vacation homework packets. Vacation homework packets are an important component of the overall strategy to ensure every child becomes proficient in reading and mathematics for grades K-10 in accordance with the federal *No Child Left Behind* mandates. The school system's goal is to provide a rigorous foundation that enables every student to pass the state's high school assessments as required for graduation, while encouraging more students to engage in advanced-level courses, and preparing students to be successful on the new SAT.

Students should return the completed spring vacation homework packets on **April 4** and will receive homework credit as established by each school's grading factors and policies. Spring Break vacation packets have been prepared to be aligned with the Maryland Voluntary State Curriculum in the following areas: Mathematics for grades K-8, Algebra I and Geometry; Reading/Language Arts for grades K-10; Biology; and Local, State, and National Government.

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