News Release: LOTTERY FOR PGCPS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS OPENS FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

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UPPER MARLBORO, MD – Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) public charter schools will be accepting online applications for the 2015-2016 school year from November 3, 2014 until January 30, 2015.

All Prince George's County families can apply to a public charter school, as there are no attendance boundaries assigned to charter schools. Interested families must complete an online application at https://forms.pgcps.org/charters/) for each child they wish to enroll.

"We are always looking forward to the lottery process for our public charter schools," said Loretta White-Khaalid, Executive Assistant, Office of Charter Schools at PGCPS. "The application process and open houses provide families with an opportunity to explore their options and make informed choices about the academic environment and structure they want for their child."

Prospective public charter school families can attend one of the open houses below to find out more about PGCPS public charter schools:

Chesapeake Math & Information Technology (CMIT) - North

November 21: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. December 6: noon – 1 p.m.

Chesapeake Math & Information Technology (CMIT) - South

November 14: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. December 6: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Chesapeake Math & Information Technology (CMIT) Elementary

November 19: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. December 6: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

College Park Academy

November 18: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. January 12, 2015: 6 – 7 p.m.

EXCEL Academy

November 19: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. January 13, 2015: 9 a.m – 1 p.m.

Imagine Foundations at Leeland

November 19: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. December 10: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Imagine Foundations at Morningside

November 20: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. December 11: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. January 22, 2015: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Imagine Lincoln

November 10: 6 – 7 p.m. January 8, 2015: 6 – 7 p.m.

Turning Point Academy

January 7, 2015: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The admission lottery will be conducted electronically by the Department of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries on February 17, 2015. Parents will be notified the week of February 23, 2015.

Approximately, 7,800 applications were submitted last year.

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Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), one of the nation's 20th largest school districts, has 201 schools and centers, more than 133,000 students and nearly 20,000 employees. The school system serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban and rural communities located in the Washington, DC suburbs. PGCPS is nationally recognized for college and career-readiness programs that provide students with unique learning opportunities, including dual enrollment and language immersion.