

# Statement: Statement from Prince George's County Public Schools CEO Kevin M. Maxwell, Ph.D. on FY17 Budget Proposal Presented by County Executive Rushern Baker, III

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Prince George's County Public Schools is appreciative of County Executive Rushern Baker, III for his continued commitment to invest in public education in Prince George's County. County Executive Baker's proposed budget increases the county contribution by \$31.5 million above last year's amount. We are a district on the rise and this funding proposal puts us on a path for growth. This budget will allow PGCPs to move forward with implementing our comprehensive strategic plan that provides a high-quality education for students. The benefits of this investment are significant for residents because it improves the workforce and creates wealth as well as improves the value of Prince George's County.

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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.