

# News Release: PGCPS STUDENTS VISIT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR TWO AMAZING EVENTS

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**UPPER MARLBORO, MD** – Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students visited the White House for first class entertainment events celebrating spring and "Hamilton" the musical.

Recently, students from Barack Obama Elementary School, Capitol Heights Elementary School, and Judge S. Woods Elementary School visited the White House to attend the 138th Annual White House Easter Egg Roll. This year's theme was *Let's Celebrate* in honor of the initiatives of First Lady Michelle Obama and the contributions the Obama Administration made to the annual Easter Egg Roll event.

More than 35,000 people joined the celebration on the South Lawn to enjoy games, stories, and the traditional Easter Egg Roll.

"It was truly an honor to share in the final Easter Egg Roll hosted by President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama," said Nina Lattimore, principal of Capitol Heights Elementary School. "This was a wonderful opportunity for our entire school community," added Lattimore.

Students from Laurel High School also visited the White House to meet the First Family, and the creators and cast behind the sold-out Broadway musical - "Hamilton".

The President and First Lady hosted the cast of "Hamilton" at the White House along with students from PGCPS and neighboring school districts, for a student workshop, and question and answer session with the "Hamilton" cast. The students also enjoyed a performance by the award winning cast.

"Educational experiences like this event demonstrates the profound impact that the arts have on student development," said Dwayne Jones, principal of Laurel High School. "Our students were able to experience a broadway production while learning about our nation's history and why it is still relevant to their lives," added Jones.

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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.