

# Media Advisory: PGcps to Host Annual Special Olympics Spring Games and Challenge Days

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WHO: Prince George's County Public Schools students

WHAT: 2016 Special Olympics Spring Games and Challenge Day

WHEN & WHERE:

Thursday, May 5 • 10:30 a.m. (Spring Games)

Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Complex

8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD

Thursday, May 12 • 9:30 a.m. (Challenge Day)

Surrattsville High School

6101 Garden Drive, Clinton, MD

Friday, May 13 • 9:30 a.m. (Challenge Day)

Tanglewood Regional School

8333 Woodyard Road, Clinton MD

Thursday, May 19 • 9:00 a.m. (Challenge Day)

Panorama Elementary School

2001 Callaway Street, Temple Hills, MD

Friday, May 20 • 9:30 a.m. (Challenge Day)

James E. Duckworth Regional School

11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD

Friday, May 27 • 11 a.m. (Challenge Day)

Oxon Hill Middle School

9570 Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington, MD

## BACKGROUND:

In partnership with the national Special Olympics organization, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGcps) is hosting the Special Olympics Spring Games. More than 600 student athletes will each participate in two athletic events, and can select from the 50/100/200 meter dash, wheelchair race (for students with orthopedic disabilities), running and standing long jumps, high jump, shot put, turbo javelin, and softball and tennis ball throws. Students have trained for eight weeks in preparation for this event, working hard with PGcps Special Education Motor Development Program staff who coach them at their schools and Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) sites. Challenge Day celebrates student's accomplishments during the school year. It's an event based on the Motor Activity Training Program (MATP). Students will participate in a class selected physical activity to show off their personal best as well as other skills they have learned.

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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.