

News Release: PGCPS and BOE to Host Public Hearings on School Boundary and Grade Changes

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Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and the Prince George's County Board of Education will host two public hearings to obtain public comment on recommended improvements to school boundaries and grade structure:

PGCPS Public Hearing

February 8 • 6:30 p.m.

Bladensburg High School • Auditorium
4200 57th Avenue, Bladensburg, MD

Board of Education Public Hearing

February 9 • 6:30 p.m.

Sasscer Administration Building • Board Room
14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD

Details are available at www1.pgcps.org/discussions (<http://www1.pgcps.org/discussions/>). Individuals wishing to testify at the February 8 public hearing must sign up to speak by calling the Department of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries at 301-952-6300 before 4:30 p.m. the day of the hearing. Individuals wishing to testify at the February 9 public hearing must sign up to speak by calling the Board Office at 301-952-6115 by 6:30 p.m. the day of the hearing. Speakers will be limited to three minutes. Written comments may be submitted by email to testimony@pgcps.org (<mailto:testimony@pgcps.org>), or by mail or in person at 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Recommended Boundary Changes:

- The portion of Calverton Elementary that is assigned to Buck Lodge Middle would be reassigned to Martin L. King Jr. Middle for grades 6-8.
- New enrollments from homes located in The Preserves community, and homes off of Danville Road and Floral Park Road, would be reassigned from Accokeek Academy to Fort Washington Forest Elementary for grades PreK-5.
- The portion of Melwood Elementary that is assigned to Stephen Decatur Middle would be reassigned to James Madison Middle for grades 6-8.
- New enrollments from the homes located in the Kaywood Gardens Apartment complex, the City of North Brentwood, and the City of Brentwood that are east of 38th Street and south of the intersection of Volta Avenue and 39th Street would be reassigned from Thomas Stone Elementary to Mt. Rainier Elementary for grades PreK-6.
- The portion of the Kentland neighborhood in Landover that is assigned to DuVal High would be reassigned to Fairmont Heights High for grades 9-12.

Recommended Grade Configuration Changes:

- The following elementary schools would send their sixth grade to middle school: Ardmore, Carmody Hills, Clinton Grove, Cora L. Rice, District Heights, Flintstone, Francis Scott Key, Glassmanor, Kingsford, Oxon Hill, Rose Valley, Valley View and William Beanes.
- The middle schools which would be impacted include: Drew-Freeman, Ernest Everett Just, G James Gholson, Gwynn Park, Isaac Gourdine, Oxon Hill, Stephen Decatur and Thurgood Marshall.

If approved, the changes would be implemented for the 2017-2018 school 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.

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