CEO Dr. Monica Goldson attended a swearing in ceremony as an appointee to the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. "There was no question that my higher education journey would begin at an HBCU," she said. "My degrees from Florida A&M University, Bowie State University and Howard University are the building blocks for my career and I am deeply honored by this appointment."

#TeachWithUs: PGCPS Recruitment Ambassadors

Meet Phyllis E. Williams Assistant Principal Gina Byrd and Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center Parent Engagement Assistant Laura Martinez, part of our inaugural recruitment and retention Brand Ambassador team!

2022 PGCPS Brand Ambassador

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I have and always will be PGCPS's biggest cheerleader! There is so much talent here in our district and that needs to be highlighted and celebrated.
~ Gina Byrd

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There has been no county that has provided me with professional support and growth like PGCPS. You will find opportunities to move around whether you want to find a school closer to home or just try a different position. ~ Laura Martinez

Spotlights

Central High School Twins Graduate at Top of Class

When twins Imrane and Mounira Oumarou Ba moved to Prince George's County from Niger, Africa at 12 years old they spoke little English. But upon beginning sixth grade at Greenbelt Middle School and finishing at G. James Gholson, it was clear that the language barrier would be no obstacle to academic success!

Read More   WJLA Story

Doswell E. Brooks Hosts Signing Bee

Doswell E. Brooks Elementary School recently put its own spin on the spelling bee, instead hosting a "signing bee" which challenged students to correctly sign words in honor of peers who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Announcements

Monday: Memorial Day Holiday

Schools and offices will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Help Implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB) is seeking individuals to serve on advisory committees that will be responsible for overseeing implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future law. Register for a virtual information session on June 2.

Apply

Diversity Series: 'Men Make a Difference'

Join Us!

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PGCPS Diversity Series Presents:

Men Make a Difference

Learn about teaching opportunities
for male educators for
the upcoming school year!

CLICK <u>HERE</u> TO REGISTER!
JUNE 1 | 5:00 PM – 6:15PM

PGCPS will host "Men Make a Difference," an event for male educators to share teaching opportunities for the upcoming school year. The event will be held Wednesday, June 1 from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

[Register]

Share Good News, Announcements or Professional Opportunities

The Office of Communications is always seeking success stories about students, staff, schools and offices. Share your good news: newsletters@pgcps.org!

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

PGCPS Summer Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) Institute

The LETRS Institute will provide specific information to support your final decision and confirm your LETRS journey. In this 30 to 45-minute session, you will learn the big picture overview of the LETRS Institute and discuss course

pacing and other expectations.

Tuesday, May 31 at 4:30 PM
[Register](#) by Friday, May 27.

Flyer

Portfolio-Based Certification Assessment (edTPA/PPAT): Implementation Update

Requirements for conditional educators to submit a portfolio-based assessment of teaching ability (edTPA or PPAT) to qualify for professional certification in Maryland have been updated.

Effective immediately, the implementation timeline for submission of the portfolio-based assessment of teaching ability (edTPA or PPAT) has been changed to **July 1, 2025.**

Prior to July 1, 2025: All conditional certificate holders who are required to present a Maryland pedagogical certification assessment may present the [edTPA, PPAT](#), or the [Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)](#) to meet the certification requirement.

No passing score is required for the edTPA and PPAT, however, it must be nationally scored. If submitting the Praxis PLT, the established passing score must be submitted.

Those certification areas that do not require a Maryland pedagogical certification assessment are not required to submit a pedagogical assessment. *Those areas are American Sign Language, Art, Blind/Visually Impaired, Dance, English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Environmental Education, Health, Music, Physical Education, Special Education, and PTE/CTE.*

Effective July 1, 2025: All teacher candidates who are required to present Maryland certification assessments will be required to submit the established passing score for the edTPA or PPAT. Passing scores will be established in 2024.

For Maryland testing information and required passing scores, please visit the MSDE [General Testing Information,](#) and [Portfolio-Based Certification Assessment](#) web pages. If you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to contact the PGCPS Certification Office at certification@pgcps.org.

Introducing The Educator Application and Certification Hub (TEACH) - Maryland's NEW Educator Portal

PGCPS certificate holders should have received an email from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) announcing the **New Educator**

Certification System Coming Soon! On April 29, MSDE launched The Educator Application and Certification Hub (TEACH). You are now able to utilize this new educator certification system to access your certificate and a variety of other online services. TEACH replaces the previous certification portal, which closed on April 20.

If you have not already done so, please go online to The Educator Application and Certification Hub (TEACH) and complete a one-time registration.

If you need help getting started, please review the Guide for Applicants. MSDE will also provide technical support for educators needing assistance during the registration process. Please email certinfo.msde@maryland.gov.

#TeamPGCPS Paparazzi

John Quinn (He/Him)
@MrQuinn114

What a day!!! The first class I taught as 9th graders when I arrived to @FDHSEagles are now graduates! Incredible honor to be their class sponsor and have a stage seat to watch 300 amazing young people become graduates!! #PGCPSProud @fdhsprincipal @FDHSPTSO @pgcps

CEO Monica Goldson
@drmonicaceo

This week I am so proud to have witnessed nearly 180 @pgcps students from the Academy of Health Sciences and our P-TECH and 3D Scholars programs graduate with not only their high school diplomas, but with an Associate Degree from @pgccnews! #PGCPSProud

IHS at Langley Park
@IHSatLP

Class of 2022 is practicing for their June 2, 2022 graduation ceremony!!

@DrHumphrey5 @MissJAmaya @ms_rowan @MrShulmanPGCPS @IntlsNetwork @pgcps