

ENGAGE 2 ELEVATE

**PGCPS 5TH ANNUAL FAMILY
INSTITUTE CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, November 9
8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**



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ABOUT THE PGPCS FIFTH ANNUAL FAMILY INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) recognizes that the learning which occurs within the family, community and all other social, emotional, physical and mental aspects of students' lives, factors greatly in their school success. This learning propels them toward becoming college and career ready, lifelong learners, and productive citizens. Under the leadership of Mr. Millard House II and the Board of Education, the district continues to emphasize its commitment to increase family engagement to support outstanding academic achievement and prepare students for college, career, and productive lives. The conference is sponsored by the PGCPS Department of Family and Community Partnerships, directed by Dr. Sheila Jackson and within the Division of Communications and Community Engagement. This work exemplifies a systemic commitment in demonstrating and amplifying the shared responsibility and effort between schools, homes, and communities that will propel Prince George's County Public Schools into greatness!



WELCOME FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT MILLARD HOUSE II

Dear Parents, Families, PGCPs Staff, and Community Partners,

Welcome to the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Fifth Annual Family Institute Conference! We are delighted that you have joined us as we kick off National Family Engagement Month with this important incipient event.

Our theme this year is "Engage to Elevate!" This idea represents the collective power we have to work together to ensure that all students are given the opportunities required and that families and staff are empowered to help all Students to rise to Success!"

Today offers an opportunity to share information, enhance skills, and set all students on the path to possess greater literacy, numeracy and SEL skills for college and career readiness. This event will also strengthen the bonds between school, family and community. This premier initiative exemplifies an intentionally collaborative and strategic effort between our school system and greater community to provide myriad resources and information that support increased engagement of all adult stakeholders in our "village." Outstanding academic achievement remains our goal for ALL students.

I hope that you enjoy the great presenters and exhibitors who are here to share with us today. Please take advantage of interacting with the many representatives from PGCPS, county offices, state government agencies, and several business, private and non-profit organizations. Together, we can create opportunities to dialogue for the empowerment of our entire community. Thank you for your support and I look forward to participating in partnership and engagement opportunities with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,



Millard House II
Superintendent



GREETINGS FROM THE PGCPS BOARD CHAIR

Greetings,

On behalf of the Prince George's County Board of Education, welcome to the Prince George's County Public Schools 2024 Fifth Annual Family Institute Conference! We are delighted that you have joined us as we kick off National Family Engagement Month towards increasing home-school partnerships for student success.

Today's conference will focus on many topics of importance that have been identified by our families, students, staff and community partners as being critical. Our collaborative goal is to share knowledge and resources that can empower every family and community partner to support outstanding student achievement and college and career readiness.

I hope that you enjoy the many presentations and that you take advantage of the information/ resource tables, located in the exhibitor hall. There, you will find many resources that we hope will be useful to you and your family.

We look forward to seeing you at future PGCPS partnership and engagement opportunities throughout the year. Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Lolita E. Walker, MBA, PCC
Board of Education Chair, District 9





KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Joseph B. Washington is the founder and CEO of Average Breaker LLC. He is the author of the bestselling book LET AVERAGE GO and the Creator of Average Breaker Podcast; Three Times The Man, Inc. men's movement; & Creator of Running On A Broken Heel, I Am Healed women's movement in honor of his mother who passed in a car accident in 2011.

Known across America for his passionate style of speaking, Joseph is a dynamic motivator whose gift is to empower individuals and to help them embrace their future.

Joseph's passion for speaking is a result of his own personal struggle to overcome stuttering while growing up in Washington DC and San Diego, California. He's worked tirelessly to overcome his disability due to the embarrassment and teasing he suffered from others.

It was around the age of fifteen when he noticed that his speech began to change. Afterwards, he began to develop self-confidence. Joseph was no longer afraid to speak what was on his mind. He soon realized that speaking was something that was becoming as natural to him as breathing. Almost immediately, his life began to take on a new direction. Joseph found himself motivating and inspiring others to become all that they were destined to become.

Joseph worked in corporate America performing various managerial functions for 20 years. He was a Corporate Trainer and Manager at Delta Airlines, an Account Manager and Corporate Trainer at a large CPA firm, and the Director of Sales for an Air Filter Company in the Midwest - in which he was awarded the Eli Lilly award for being the top sales person. Joseph was also a trainer in middle and high schools around the country, working as a staff trainer for teachers and students.

Joseph Washington has a style of his own which has moved his audience to laugh at times or even to shed a few tears. One thing is for certain, people are definitely moved to take action after hearing him speak. With his unique and passionate delivery mixed with solid content and practical principles, you are sure to see life as you have never seen it before.

Joseph B. Washington resides in Atlanta, Georgia with his beautiful wife Wendy, and together they enjoy reading, watching movies, music and a good old Sunday drive together.

AGENDA

8-9 A.M.

REGISTRATION & CHILD CARE SIGN-IN

- REGISTRATION - Rotunda
- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - Cafeteria
- SPECIAL GUESTS - Black Box Theater
- CHILD CARE - Opens at 8:30 a.m. in B Wing

9-10:45 A.M.

OPENING SESSION (AUDITORIUM)

WELCOME

Dr. Sheila Jackson

Director, Department of Family and Community Partnerships, PGCPs

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Luis Morales

Chief of Communications and Community Engagement, PGCPs

Millard House II

Superintendent, Prince George's County Public Schools

Lolita E. Walker, MBA, PCC

Chair, Prince George's County Public Schools Board of Education, District 9

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Joseph B. Washington

Change Catalyst School Reform Expert Founder | Average Breaker | Best-Selling Author

11-11:50 A.M.

FIRST ROTATION TRANSITION

Group A to Sessions

(See workshop descriptions on pages 8-9)

Group B to Exhibitor Hall

(Get signatures for each one visited for Door Prize Drawing)

11:50 A.M.-NOON

SECOND ROTATION TRANSITION

NOON-12:50 P.M.

SECOND ROTATION TRANSITION

Group B to Sessions

(See workshop descriptions on pages 8-9)

Group A to Exhibitor Hall

(Get signatures for each one visited for Door Prize Drawing)

12:30-1 P.M.

NETWORKING with LUNCHES ROTATION

1-1:45 P.M.

CLOSING REMARKS, AWARDS & DOOR PRIZES

1:45 -2 P.M.

PICK UP CHILDREN FROM CHILD CARE



Please take a moment to
share your feedback about
today's event

FAMILY INSTITUTE WORKSHOPS

SESSION 1 10:45-11:00 A.M. & SESSION 2 11:15 - 12:00 P.M.

1: Family Empowerment

2: 21st Century Learners

3: Health and Wellness

4: Educators Connect

Parent Power: Uniting Home and School for Student Success

Room: C116 Strand(s): 1, 2

Join us for "Parent Power: Uniting Home and School for Student Success," a dynamic workshop designed to equip parents with effective strategies and tools to collaborate with schools and enhance their child's educational journey.

Presenter: Damien Goins, *Principal Gaywood Elementary School, PGCPs*

Kindergarten Readiness- Ready, Set, Grow

Room: C116 Strand(s): 1, 2

Families will gain effective strategies to join educators in securing a strong beginning for early learners to ensure bright futures as they progress through their educational lives.

Presenters: Alicia Black, *Early Childhood Instructional Specialist, PGCPs*

Kathy Howard Lassiter, *Early Childhood Instructional Specialist, PGCPs*

Nicole Middleton, *Early Childhood Resource Teacher, PGCPs*

Kisha Lawrence, *Early Childhood Resource Teacher, PGCPs*

Shanea Treadwell, *Early Childhood Resource Teacher, PGCPs*

Life After High School: College and Career Readiness

Room: C118 Strand(s): 1, 2, 3

This session is designed for parents and students to explore the various pathways available after graduation. This session will focus on providing practical information and resources to help parents and students transition smoothly into post-secondary education and the workforce.

Presenter: Dr. Eunice Humphrey, *Principal, International High School at Langley Park*

How to support your child in school even if you don't speak a lot of English - Cómo apoyar a su hijo en la escuela aunque usted no habla mucho inglés.

Room: C118 Strand(s): 1, 2, 3

From preschool to college, you can be a positive force in

your child's education no matter what language you speak. Desde el preescolar hasta la universidad, usted puede ser una fuerza positiva en la educación de su hijo sin importar el idioma que hable.

Presenter: Patricia Chiancone, *International Student Specialist*

International Student Admissions and Enrollment Office (ISAE), PGCPs

Making A Difference: Understanding How Your Child's IEP Supports Their Learning

Room: C114 Strand(s): 1, 2, 3

Your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) is a specially designed document. Understanding the components of the IEP document can help parents ensure that the supports and services that are written in the document are taking place in the classroom. Join us for an overview of the IEP document. We will also share tips on collecting data to help monitor your child's progress at home.

Presenter: Dr. Beth Hayre, Ed.D, *Instructional Specialist, Special Education Parent Engagement*

"Introducing SYNERGY - a Change to the PGCPs Student Information System in the Best Interests of Your Student(s)

Room: C105 Strand(s): 1, 2, 3

This session provides an overview and Q&A opportunity for understanding and effectively utilizing the new PGCPs student information system: "SYNERGY" that replaces dear old "SchoolMax."

Presenters: Stacey Montgomery, *Information Technology Coordinator, PGCPs*

Patrick Pierre-Louis, *Technology Training Team, PGCPs*;

Dr. Terri Jefferson, *Technology Training Team, PGCPs*

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Room: C114 Strand(s): 1, 3

Adverse childhood experiences are common and cut across demographics such as income level, race, and culture. This

presentation will provide participants with an in-depth look at the impact of ACEs on health and well-being, as well as explore factors that increase resiliency. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of ACES and what it means to help build and support resilient self-healing communities.

Presenter: Scott Showalter, Ed.S., NCSP (he/him)

Coordinator of Psychological Services, PGCPs

Partners in Education— Parent and Community Advisory Council

Room: C105 Strand(s): 1

Learn how to partner with PGCPs as an advisor and change agent for the educational needs of all students; and how to jumpstart your engagement.

Presenters: Theresa Smith, *PGCPs PCAC Chair District 6*

Representative

Delores Britt-Millhouse, *PGCPs PCAC Vice Chair, District 7*

Representative

PGCPs Community Schools: What & Who We Are

Room: C120 Strand(s): 1, 2, 3

Participants will learn about community schools and which schools in PGCPs are community schools and the resources that the schools can provide to students, families and community stakeholders.

Presenters: Kevin Thompson, *Community Schools*

Coordinating Supervisor, PGCPs

Jessika Washington, *Community Schools Specialist, PGCPs*

Kai Ekanem, *Community Schools Specialist, PGCPs*

Shawna Fagbuyi, *Community Schools Specialist, PGCPs*

Robbin Miller-Fiddermon, *Community Schools Specialist,*

PGCPs

Parent Advocacy: Advocating for your child's success at home Title I Schools' Family Engagement

Room: C120 Strand(s): 1, 2, 3

Effective advocacy is key in a child's educational success. Actively supporting the needs, can ensure that they thrive academically and emotionally.

Presenters: Carolyn L. Keemer, *Title I Parent and Family*

Engagement Instructional Specialist, PGCPs

Christina Jerome, *Title I Parent and Family Engagement*

Instructional Specialist, PGCPs

Becoming a Volunteer in Schools

Room: Auditorium Strand(s): 1, 2, 3

Volunteer Process session designed to guide you through the steps of becoming an impactful volunteer in your school community! You will explore various volunteer

opportunities, and understand the application and training process. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or new to giving back, this session will equip you with the tools and knowledge to make a meaningful difference.

Presenter: Janice Cooke, *DFCP Community Partnerships*

Specialist

Transition 2 Session Only: Engaging Parents, Families and Communities the "PGCPs Way!"

Room: A128 Strand(s): 1, 2

Adult stakeholders will be engaged while learning the "Why"/reasons and "How"/best practices for building and sustaining meaningful partnerships between school, home and community to ensure that ALL students have outstanding outcomes and leave PGCPs ready for college, careers and successful lives!

Presenter: Dr. Sheila Jackson, *Director, PGCPs Department*

of Family and Community Partnerships & Board Member, National

Association of Family School and Community Engagement

STAFF ONLY SESSIONS

Transition 1 Session Only For PGCPs STAFF:

Intimate Conversation with Joseph B. Washington,

Change Catalyst School Reform Expert Founder | Average Breaker | Best-Selling Author

Room: A128 Strand: 4

Facilitated by: Rhonda Simley, *Principal, William Wirt*

Middle School

STUDENT ONLY SESSIONS

Student Café

Room: C107 Strand(s): 1, 2

This session is an innovative initiative designed to provide students with a physically and emotionally safe space to engage in meaningful conversations. These small group discussions focus on topics that matter most to them, ranging from avoiding rumors to strategies for academic success.

Facilitated by: Rosa Fenwick, *Parent Engagement Assistant*

and the DFCP Parent Engagement Assistant Café Team

100 Black Men of Prince George's County, Inc.

Room: C107 Strand(s): 1, 2

We will discuss the various dimensions of wellness— emotional, social, spiritual, intellectual, and physical— and how effective mentorship can foster growth in each area. Participants will hear from experienced mentors will share their journeys and insights, followed by interactive discussions on strategies to cultivate supportive mentorship relationships.

WORKSHOPS AT A GLANCE

SESSION 1	LOCATION	SESSION 2
"Introducing SYNERGY"	C105	Partners in Education— Parent and Community Advisory Council
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)	C114	Making A Difference: Understanding How Your Child's IEP Supports Their Learning
Kindergarten Readiness- Ready, Set, Grow	C116	Parent Power: Uniting Home and School for Student Success
How to support your child in school even if you don't speak a lot of English - Cómo apoyar a su hijo en la escuela aunque usted no habla mucho inglés	C118	Life After High School: College and Career Readiness
PGCPS Community Schools: What & Who We Are	C120	Parent Advocacy: Advocating for your child's success at home Title I Schools' Family Engagement
Becoming a Volunteer in Schools	Auditorium	
	A128	Engaging Parents, Families and Communities the "PGCPS Way!"

STUDENT ONLY SESSIONS

100 Black Men of Prince George's County	C107	Student Café
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STAFF ONLY SESSIONS

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FAIR EXHIBITORS

<i>EXHIBITOR TITLE</i>	<i>EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION</i>
Carefirst BlueCross BlueShield Maryland	Carefirst Maryland Medicaid flyers, enrollment forms, brochures and giveaway items.
Verizon	Verizon offers discounts on qualifying home internet services available to active employees of participating organizations
Planet Aid	The Planet Aid Scholar's Club - An Environmental Club for Students and Educators. To spread awareness about our environmental school program and engage kids in an eco-activity.
CTE	We will share information about the CTE programs available in PGCPs high schools
Brighter Bites	Nutrition education
Overlook Spanish Immersion	Overlook Full Spanish Immersion is a PreK - 5th Spanish Immersion school that provides an opportunity for all students to achieve high levels of bilingual proficiency and to develop multicultural competence through a rigorous Spanish Immersion instructional program
Melwood Community Services	Resourceful Information regarding our services provided to youth and adults in Prince George's County.
Lightswitch Learning	Bringing Culturally Responsive Literature from School to Home
Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium (MAEC)	We will provide for families and professionals as it relates to family engagement.
Priority Partners	Health related topic and a cooking demonstration
Sped Family Support Center	The Special Education Family Support Center
Wonderland Pediatric	Screens with Purpose: Enhancing Life, Not Distracting It

FAIR EXHIBITORS

<i>EXHIBITOR TITLE</i>	<i>EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION</i>
PGCPS Department of Transportation	Join PGCPS Transportation and Central Garages Director Keba Baldwin to learn about opportunities to become a PGCPS bus driver or attendant and to receive answers and assistance for the StopFinder app
DeMatha + Seton Soccer	To advance the competitiveness and opportunities for youth soccer players in Prince George's County, MD.
Office of Interpreting and Translation	The Office of Interpreting and Translation provides interpreters for approved school activities to ensure that parents/guardians who are not primary speakers of English, or who are deaf or hard of hearing can fully participate in their children's education.
Fuel Incorporated	Focusing upon elevating lives, (FUEL) this 501(c)(3) non-profit organization aims to develop and prepare young people, married couples, single individuals, and families for their future.
PGCPS Department of Transportation	Learn how to become a PGCPS bus driver, as well as explore our new fleet of electric school buses!
PGCPS Office of Community Partnerships	Learn how this office supports all PGCPS schools to be adopted by business and community partners and coordinates the PGCPS Volunteer Programs.
PGC Department of Social Service	The Prince George's County Department of Social Services is in the business of providing opportunities for residents of the County to become independent, responsible and stable members of the community. We do this by providing intervention services that strengthen families, protect children and vulnerable adults, encourage self-sufficiency and promote personal responsibility.
PGC Office of Human Rights	The Prince George's County Office of Human Rights is committed to the pursuit of justice for those harmed by discriminatory behavior, predatory acts, and denial of services through thorough investigations; a cohesive response to human trafficking through its Human Trafficking Division; enforcement of language access to equal government services for all; and robust education and outreach to build community and to reduce incidents of hate, bias, and violence.
PGCABSE	PGCABSE is a not-for-profit organization established exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.
100 Black Men of PGC	The 100 Black Men of Prince George's County strives to provide caring and transformative leadership and mentoring guidance that encourages, engages, and challenges African-American youth and young adults to exceed their personal expectations.



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**VIRTUAL FAMILY
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