



**PGCPS** *Express*

For PGCPS Employees

## **Welcome Back, #TeamPGCPS!**

The 2024-25 school year is underway and we are united in our mission to serve students and families!



FIRST DAY OF  
KINDERGARTEN





*Principal Dr. Dana Doggett of the new Ellen Ochoa Middle School greets students, staff and visitors on the first day.*





Highlights this school year:

**New Schools:** Ellen Ochoa and William Wirt middle schools welcomed communities back to brand new, state-of-the art learning spaces!

**STEM education hub**, Howard B. Owens Science Center is reopened!

**Transportation enhancements** to improve efficiency and customer service are underway.

Please review the Employee Code of Conduct and share the Back-to-School Guide with families.

['24-'25 Calendar](#)

**MCAP: Elementary School Math Shines**





PGCPS students showed modest gains on the 2023-24 Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP), with nearly a third of schools improving by two percentage points or more in English Language Arts and/or mathematics, including 35 schools with at least a five percentage point improvement.

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## State Board of Education President Visits PGCPS



*Students at **Barnaby Manor Elementary School** earned impressive gains of 5.2% in RELA and 13.1% in mathematics on the most recent MCAP assessments.*

Maryland Board of Education President Dr. Joshua Michael joined Superintendent Millard House II to [tour PGCPS schools](#)! Visits highlighted schools where students saw improvements on the '23-'24 MCAP scores and showcased academic programs.

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## New to PGCPS? Enroll in Benefits

The logo for BenePlay, featuring the word "Bene" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by a white play button icon inside a light blue circle, and the word "Play" in a bold, black, sans-serif font with a registered trademark symbol.

Newly-hired, benefits-eligible employees have 35 days from their date of hire to enroll in benefits. Coverage is effective the first of the month after your date of hire. Take a look at our new platform for managing your benefits.

[New Employee Benefits Info](#)

## Back to School Synergy Support

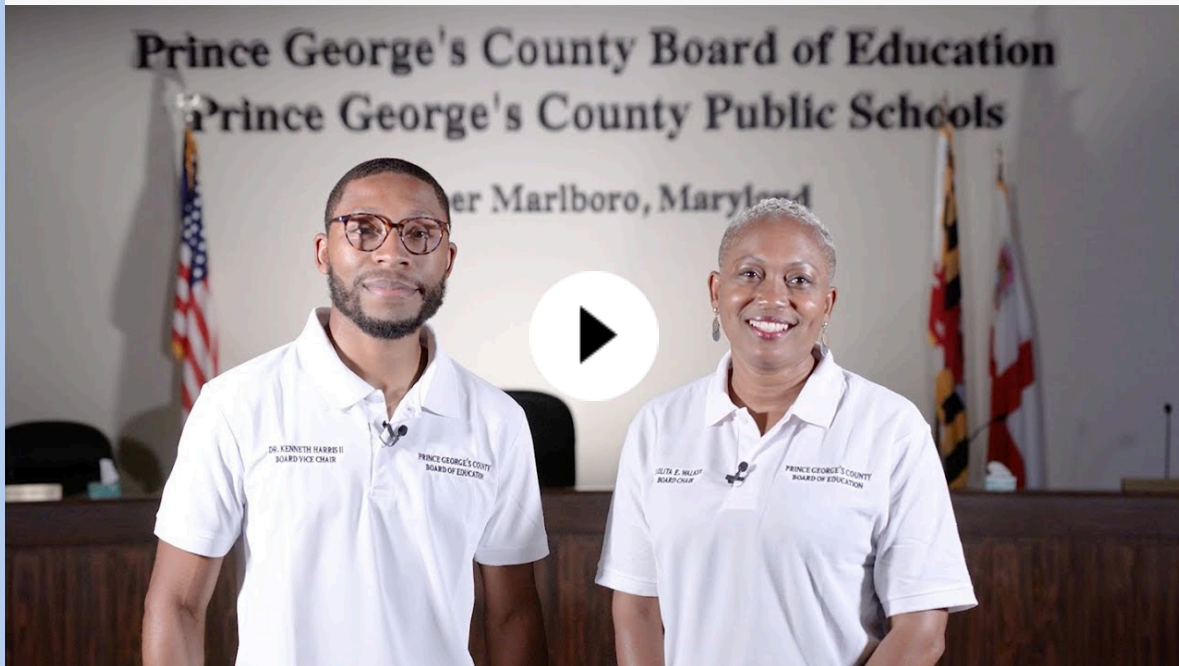


Need help with our new student information system, Synergy? Phone and/or Zoom support are available Thursday, Aug. 29, Friday Aug. 30, Tuesday, Sept. 3 and Thursday, Sept. 5. [Asynchronous resources](#) are also available.



[Learn More](#)

## Welcome Back from the Prince George's County Board of Education



View a welcome back message from the Prince George's County Board of Education!

## Eight New Blueprint Schools to be Built



Blueprint Phase II groundbreakings will begin soon for six new elementary schools and two Pre-K - 8 academies: Springhill Lake, Fairwood Area,

Templeton, Hyattsville, Margaret Brent and James Duckworth elementary schools, and Brandywine Area and Robert Frost Area Pre-K-8 academies. The schools will be delivered by 2028.

[Learn More](#)

## Announcements

### Workdays & Allocation for 10- and 11-Month Personnel

Please review Bulletin M-3-25 on scheduled workdays and allocation for 10-month supporting personnel and 11-month personnel for the 2024-25 school year.

[Learn More](#)

### SafeSchools Training



SafeSchools trainings provide critical information for staff to maintain a positive, respectful, safe, healthy and lawful culture for safe and supportive school environments.

[Start Trainings](#)

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