

# ***Prince George's County Board of Education - Aligned for Impact -***

Policy and Governance Committee  
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# What is the Board of Education's focus?

- Vision: Educational Partnership
- Dollars for Our Scholars
- Enhancement to Bill 437
- Board Autonomy
- Increased Safety and Security

# Educational Partnerships:

*Collaborating upfront on education bills to support fiscal strategies for cost-effective implementation, yielding long-term savings and efficiency*

- The Prince George's County Board of Education is eager to collaborate with you, our legislative partners, to establish robust educational partnerships. Together, we can ensure that the legislation crafted this session effectively addresses the needs of our scholars while supporting fiscally responsible, long-term solutions.
- Our goal is to engage with you in meaningful discussions upfront on education bills, enabling a shared approach to understanding and achieving efficient, impactful outcomes for our school community.
- To guide this collaborative approach, we propose a model centered on four key principles: Educate, Advocate, Act, Together.
  1. **Educate:** By working together at the earliest stages, we aim to fully understand the core intentions and goals behind each proposed piece of legislation. Through strategic meetings with subject matter experts, we can explore innovative solutions that best address the educational objectives we share. This proactive exchange of information will be invaluable in crafting legislation that works for all stakeholders, keeping our scholars at the forefront.
  2. **Advocate:** With a clearer understanding of the issues at hand, we can more effectively advocate for well-defined, sustainable solutions. This clarity enables us to collectively support initiatives that will have the most positive and lasting impact on our schools and community.
  3. **Act:** As partners, we can mobilize additional support to strengthen each legislative effort. By engaging community members, educators, parents, and legislators alike, we build a coalition that is well-informed and unified in its commitment to our educational priorities.
  4. **Together:** As a collective unit, our efforts will be more powerful and effective. Working together from the outset, we can approach the legislative process with a single, unified voice. This alignment allows us to avoid unnecessary expenditures and streamline funding needs, achieving cost-effective solutions through proactive discussion and planning..

# Dollars for Our Scholars:

*The urgent need for modernization and infrastructure improvements across our school buildings*

- The Prince George's County Board of Education urgently requests your committed support and legislative action to champion new, bold approaches for revenue-generating policies specifically dedicated to capital improvements and the rapid modernization of our public schools.
- Fifty-nine percent of our schools (124) are over 50 years old and are in an alarming state of deterioration. They are reaching conditions that are not just outdated but quickly nearing uninhabitability, threatening both the safety and the well-being of our scholars, educators, and staff.
- Our scholars deserve safe, nurturing, and inspiring environments to learn, grow, and thrive. These modernization priorities underscore our commitment to providing safe and functional learning environments that support academic excellence and equity. We believe that by securing dedicated funding and operational independence, we can create lasting improvements in our facilities that reflect our shared values and high standards for education.
- Hear directly from the PGCPs operations team and board members on the devastating impact of these conditions that require action now! —[[click here to listen to the 10/24 Board of Education Meeting, CIP. beginning at 1:46:08](#)]

# Enhancement to Bill 437:

*Measures to amend and enhance language to elevate accountability, transparency, clarity, and the independence of the Office of Integrity and Compliance.*

- Prince George's County Public Schools and the Prince George's County Board of Education, we respectfully request your support for the proposed enhancements to HB437: Office of Integrity and Compliance.
- The proposed modifications are strategically designed to strengthen governance and accountability through well-defined protocols and increased community involvement. **Key recommendations include, but are not limited to:**
  - ***Elimination of Conflicts of Interest:*** Instituting checks and balances to ensure those overseeing time and finances for the Office of Integrity and Compliance are independent of the Board of Education and Prince George's County School System, reinforcing objective oversight.
  - ***Public Hearing Involvement:*** Establishing mandatory public hearings for the approval of the Integrity and Compliance Officer's work plan and Risk Assessment, thereby promoting community insight and participation.
  - ***Annual Reporting and Budget Review:*** Requiring the office to publish an annual report summarizing its findings, activities, and system improvements and making it available for public review to strengthen fiscal accountability. This includes a \$1.4 million budget projection and review process with County Council involvement, ensuring sufficient resources for the office's responsibilities.
  - ***Risk Assessment:*** Implementing an annual risk assessment to identify and address operational risks, with public approval to further transparency and accountability in governance.
  - ***Employee and Vendor Protections:*** Strengthening protections against retaliation for employees or vendors who report concerns, fostering a culture of integrity and ethical conduct.
  - ***Operational Efficiency:*** Developing a comprehensive work plan that incorporates public input, sets clear goals and metrics for success, and prioritizes investigations and audits based on risk assessments. This structured framework will ensure the efficient targeting of high-priority issues.

# Board Autonomy:

*Ensuring the board's capacity to exercise independent fiduciary and hiring oversight, which is vital to meeting the diverse needs of our scholars and school community.*

- The Prince George's County Board of Education values its essential role in guiding educational policies that meet the unique needs of our community. As we move forward in the 2025 legislative session, we ask for your support in upholding the autonomy and decision-making authority of the Board.
- To maintain the strength of this governance model, we urge that state and local initiatives preserve the board's decision-making authority, including the board's:
  - governance of education policy
  - appointment authority for the Superintendent of Schools
  - authority to govern its operation as a Board
- The Board believes that by protecting its autonomy, we can continue to foster a school system where decisions about educational policy, budgets, and administrative matters are made with our community's best interests in mind.

# Increased Safety and Security:

*Securing additional funding to address safety and security concerns throughout our schools*

- The Prince George's County Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our all scholars. As we approach the 2025 legislative session, we respectfully seek your support for increased funding and access to grants dedicated to enhancing safety and security measures throughout our schools.
- Our request for support includes funding and guidance on available grants to bolster our efforts in the area of Security Measures: to strengthening on-site security in our remaining middle schools and elementary schools with advanced technology, school resource officers, training, and infrastructure improvements to mitigate threats and provide real-time responses to any incidents.
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