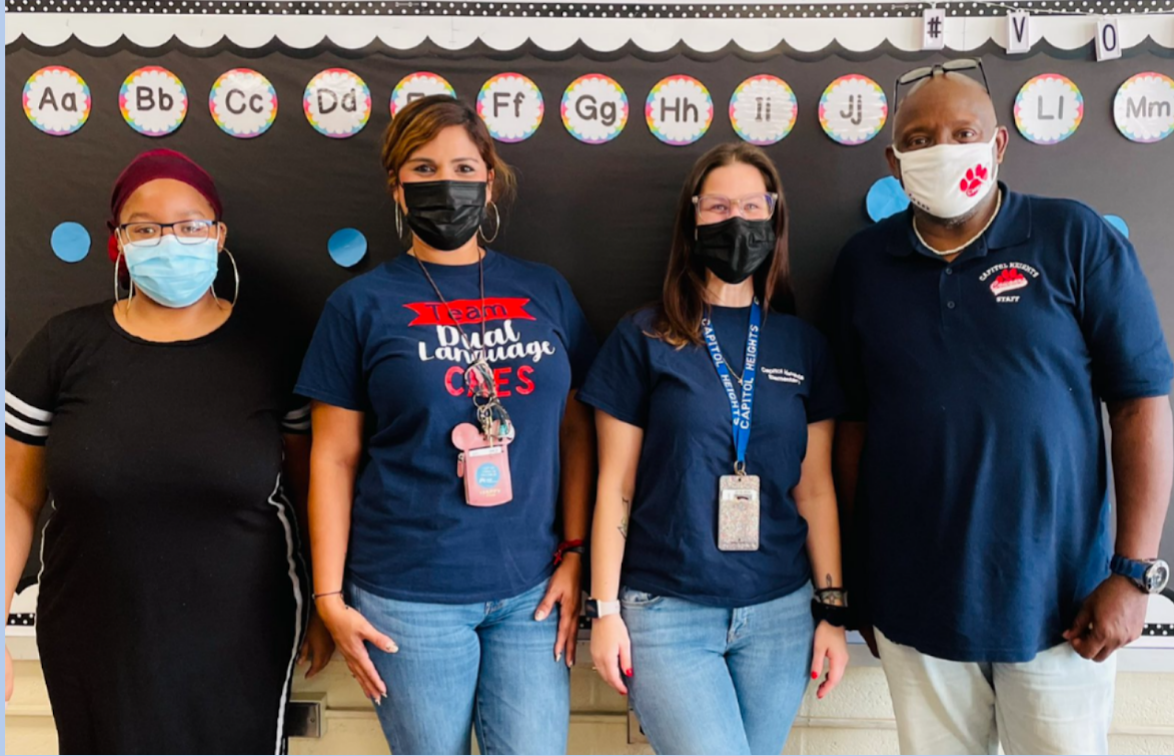


# PGCPS Express

A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

September 3, 2021



## GET THE SCOOP

**Welcome Back, #TeamPGCPS!**



On Wednesday, Sept. 8 we will welcome students back to classrooms for the 2021-22 school year. We are #Ready2Reconnect and experience the rewards of teaching, learning, working and leading together!

## Adrin Leak Named Maryland Teacher of the Year Finalist



Prince George's County Teacher of the Year Adrin Leak is a finalist for the 2021-2022 Maryland Teacher of the Year honors. Leak, a DuVal High School English Language Arts teacher, is among eight finalists statewide competing for the award. Criteria included instructional abilities; collaboration with colleagues, students, and families; community connections; leadership and innovation in and out of the classroom; and ability to articulate education issues and beliefs.

The winner will be announced Thursday, October 7 in a 30-minute Maryland Teacher of the Year television special airing at 8 p.m. on MPT2 and YouTube.

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## Show Us How You're Getting #Ready2Reconnect



Show us how you are preparing for the school year! [Upload your photos here](#) and tag us on social media with **#Ready2Reconnect!**

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## Induction Program Welcomes Nearly 600 New Teachers



More than 600 educators participated in the Professional Educator Induction Program (PEIP). New teachers had the opportunity to engage in sessions that focused on evaluation literacy, classroom management, content/grade level curriculum, special education and PGCPS technology platforms.

## 2021-22 School Year Health & Safety Measures





Heading into the new school year, health and safety is our top priority through prevention strategies that include universal masking in school buildings, widespread vaccination, cleaning and disinfection protocols and more. [Learn more](#) about our safety strategy.

#### **COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policy**

The new employee COVID-19 vaccination and testing policy is one way that we are working to keep everyone safe. By now, employees should have shown proof of receiving the COVID-19 vaccination to their supervisors. This policy applies to PGCPs employees at all work sites, including substitutes and contractors.

#### **Weekly Testing**

Free weekly testing for unvaccinated employees will begin Monday, Sept. 13 at schools and designated central office hub locations. Both Rapid Antigen Tests and PCR Molecular Tests will be performed through a nasal swab. Rapid test results will be available within 15 minutes. PCR test results will be available in about 24 hours. Employees should report to work immediately after testing. More information about testing locations, times and protocols will be available soon.

#### **Frontline Education Health Portal App**

Employees are encouraged to use the Frontline Education Health Portal App, which can be downloaded to your digital device or accessed using a desktop computer. Directions can be found by clicking on the Applications link in the Staff Portal.

Frequently Asked Questions on our vaccination and testing policy is available in the Staff Portal. Thank you for your adherence to these guidelines.

**#PGCPSPROUD: IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

## FAME Honors Educators for Excellence and Creativity



Congratulations to **Jaclyn (Jackie) Martin** and **L. Jemil Miller** for being named Outstanding Educator by the Foundation for the Advancement of Music and Education (FAME)! Martin, a Resource Teacher with a focus on dance, has helped build the dance instructional program to include International Baccalaureate global studies dance courses as well as courses in dance history, anatomy, literacy, technique, composition and performance. Miller, also a Resource Teacher with a focus on visual arts, is a creative illustrator who engages with watercolors, acrylics and colored pencils. She provides instructional support for visual art teachers, curriculum writing, and facilitates professional development.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Administrative Procedures and Board Policy Update: August 2021

The Administrative Directive System is dedicated to assisting employees in the effective and consistent performance of their duties.

The [updated Administrative Procedures and Board Policies](#) for August are below:

- [Administrative Procedure 0102](#) - Culturally Responsive Schools and Central Offices
- [Administrative Procedure 4126](#) - Employee Use of Social Media
- [Administrative Procedure 4185](#) - Workplace Bullying
- [Administrative Procedure 5116](#) - Grade Change Authorization and Appeals
- [Administrative Procedure 5121.1](#) - Grading and Reporting for Elementary Schools, Early Childhood Through Grade Five
- [Administrative Procedure 5121.2](#) - Grading and Reporting for Middle Schools, Grade Six Through Grade Eight

- [Administrative Procedure 5121.3](#) - Grading and Reporting for High Schools, Grade Nine Through Grade Twelve
- [Administrative Procedure 5143](#) - Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation
- [Administrative Procedure 6150](#) - Educational Requirements and Options in Secondary Schools
- [Administrative Procedure 6161](#) - Textbooks
- [Administrative Procedure 10101](#) - Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

All [Administrative Procedures](#) and [Board Policies](#) are available on the PGcps website.

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## SafeSchools Mandatory Training Modules

SafeSchools training modules are mandatory for all staff. The training modules are designed to ensure that every employee has the necessary information to establish and maintain a positive, respectful, safe, healthy and lawful culture in which staff share the responsibility for a safe and supportive school environment that contributes to excellence in education. **Round 1 sessions are due by Wednesday, Sept. 8.** [Start trainings now!](#)

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## Technology Training Team (T3) Resources

Learn how to use instructional and business tools to help you in your everyday work with the technology training team:

[View](#) a pre-recorded webinar to learn at your own pace.

[Get tips](#) on communicating with parents and families in SchoolMessenger.

[Make the most](#) of your first 10 days in a 1:1 classroom with these resources.

[View and register](#) for more training opportunities or visit the [T3 website](#) to access tutorials and templates on a variety of topics.

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## Important Instructional Updates for Teachers

The Curriculum Hub has moved to Canvas. Find your curriculum by logging into Canvas from the Staff Portal. Once you're in, click the Curriculum Hub link on the Help menu.

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## Training Opportunities for Employees on Suspecting and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

Learn to identify child abuse, common indicators, and how to best respond to child maltreatment in today's virtual world. Register below.

September 27  
3:30 – 4:30pm

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September 28  
3:30 – 4:30pm

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September 29  
4:30 – 5:30pm

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September 30  
4:30 – 5:30pm

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## PGcps Alumni Reunion and Comedy Jam



## PGCPS ALUMNI REUNION AND COMEDY JAM SO YOU THINK YOU'RE FUNNY

**HOST: JOE CLAIR**

**COMEDIANS:  
MIKE BROOKS AND  
DAVE CARTER**



The Excellence In Education Foundation for PGCPs in partnership with the PGCPs Alumni Alliance is proud to announce the first-ever **Prince George's County Public Schools Alumni Reunion and Comedy Jam** on Friday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m. at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. WPGC (95.5 FM) will host **"So You Think You're Funny,"** a competition encouraging alumni to submit videos of their material for an opportunity to be featured at show with host Joe Clair and comedians Mike Brooks and Dave Carter. The contest deadline is Monday, Sept. 6. This event promises to be lots of fun and funny! All event proceeds will support PGCPs students.

[Purchase Comedy Jam Tickets](#)

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