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## PGCPS Express: Employee Tele Town Hall, PGCPS Retirees, Summer Schedule

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July 10, 2020

### Get the Scoop

#### Employee Tele Town Hall: Listen! Ask! Share!



**CEO Dr. Monica Goldson will host a Tele Town Hall** on Thursday, July 16 for employees to offer updates, answer questions and address concerns about reopening plans for the upcoming school year. The town hall will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Employees will receive a phone

call at 5:30 p.m. to join the town hall. Simply answer and follow the prompts to be connected.

**A Tele-Town Hall for families and community members is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.**

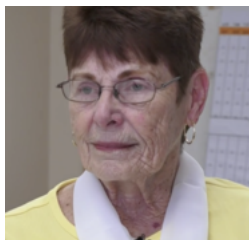
### In the Spotlight

#### PGCPS Pride

##### Farewell, Friends: New PGCPS retirees!

After a long and productive career, [more than 300 employees](#) are leaving behind the daily 9-to-5 grind to start a new journey in retirement. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the students and families of PGCPS!

Here are some retirees you may know:



**Bus driver Anne Cuddy** has driven generations of students to school over her 49-year career. The longest-serving driver in PGCPS, Cuddy was based at the Goddard Bus Lot in Greenbelt. She was featured in a [WUSA9 profile](#) last September.



**Earl Hawkins, Coordinating Supervisor of Interscholastic Athletics**, has thrown in the towel after a 46-year career in education with 39 years in PGCPS. A Gwynn Park High School grad, Hawkins has coached volleyball, basketball and taught health and physical education at many schools. He also served as Assistant Principal at Frederick Douglass High School prior to overseeing the athletic program for 16 years.



**Glenarden Woods Principal Cecelia Jones Bowding** is retiring after 35 years in PGCPSS. This past year, Glenarden Woods was honored with its second National Blue Ribbon School award. Under her leadership, the school also achieved the highest rating in the state's accountability system.



**Dr. Gwendolyn Mason, Chief of Special Education and Student Services**, has served students for 40 years, spending more than half of her career in PGCPSS. She has taken on a variety of roles, including teacher, instructional specialist, compliance officer and assistant supervisor for special education.

**Nominate a colleague** who makes you #PGCPSProud by sending their name, office/school, photo and a brief description (100 words or less) to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org). Submissions may be edited for length, clarity or grammar.

## Benefits Services: Our Focus Is You

### #HealthyPGCPS: Walk it Out Wednesdays



Did you know that walking brings up the heart rate, lowers blood pressure and strengthens the heart?

On Wednesdays, unplug and walk! Share your photos on social media using the hashtag #HealthyPGCPS.

## Announcements

### Last Chance: CEO Scholarship Deadline Approaching!

Employees may apply for scholarships at Loyola University Maryland through Wednesday, July 15 for full-tuition, half-tuition and one semester grants. Three full-tuition, three half-tuition and 20 semester Master of Arts in Teaching grants will be awarded from the CEO's Scholarship Program. Applicants may choose from nine master's and certificate program options. Recipients will be announced Monday, Aug. 10. Additionally, all employees are eligible for a 15 percent tuition discount on all Loyola School of Education cohort programs.

Loyola will host an information session on **Tuesday, July 14 at 5 p.m.** [Register now.](#)

For more information, visit [www.loyola.edu/pgcps](http://www.loyola.edu/pgcps).

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### 6-Week Summer Schedule



Through Friday, Aug. 7, PGCPSS will maintain a regular five-day work week for all employees. During this time period, school and central office employees will be allowed to exercise liberal leave on Fridays.

Liberal leave means employees are allowed to use their leave, whether annual, personal, or sick, as they see fit during this time. Employees must still submit their leave requests to their supervisor for approval, but it is the expectation that their leave

will be granted if available.

Additionally, meetings or collaborative work group agendas should not be scheduled on Fridays. It is the expectation that Fridays will be used to plan and assess for the upcoming week.

### Professional Learning Blackout Dates

Mandatory professional learning shall not occur Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 24. Large group training sessions or other such meetings during the summer, with required

attendance, should make the necessary adjustments to work around these dates. The blackout period does not speak, in any manner, to when staff can or should take annual leave during the summer. As always, leave requests should take into account individual needs and the needs of the office.

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## Out with the Old (Name), In with the New: Office of Professional Learning and Leadership

Effective July 1, the Office of Talent Development will become the **Office of Professional Learning and Leadership (OPLL)**. Under the leadership of Dr. Kristi L. Holden, the Office of Professional Learning and Leadership will focus on enhancing professional practice through the development of wide-range specialized programs, coaching and mentoring. Additionally, the office will serve as the hub for all professional learning for the school system.

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