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## Occupy County Council: Fund the Schools We Promised Our Students

More than 60 Prince George's County teachers, school employees, and parents surprised the County Council at its bi-monthly meeting when the educators came to speak out calling on the Council to invest and fund what's best for students and educators.

Already, the state lawmakers approved the "Blueprint for Maryland's Future" (Senate Bill 1030/House Bill 1413), which increases education funding by more than \$800 million in additional funding to public schools. With the support of the Prince George's County Education Association and the Board of Education, it's up to the County Council to now follow through to fund the education improvements students need, new school construction, and the PGCEA contract.

"I'm here because we don't want to lose these amazing educators to another county. It's time that we provide world class schools to our students," said Theresa Mitchell Dudley, President of the Prince George's County Education Association. "Parents are with us. Lawmakers in Annapolis have prioritized our students and educators with their funding allocation. We're here with PGCEA to urge the County Council to do what's right for our students and educators."

It's time to back it up if we truly are committed to providing world-class schools for our students in Prince George's County."





## BARGAINING FOR THE COMMON GOOD- APRIL 24TH

The Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) will hold their next round of contract negotiations with the school system at an open meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

The bargaining session is scheduled for 4:30 pm at Isaac J. Gourdine Middle School and members and allies are encouraged to attend. **Click here** to RSVP.

We deserve – and will accept – nothing less.

## CIVIC ACADEMY

Our schools belong to all of us: The students who learn in them, the parents who support them, the educators and staff who work in them and the communities that they anchor. Come and learn how federal education funding impacts our local and state public school budget.

- What happened to the casino money that was supposed to go to schools?
- How does Trump education policies impact public education?
- What impact does the county council have on education in Prince George's County?

Find out the answers to these questions and more! **Click here** to RSVP.

**THE ALLIANCE**  
**TO RECLAIM OUR SCHOOLS**  
Prince George's County Maryland

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Great job everyone coming out to testify at County Council during Spring Break! We had over twenty people tell their story how critical fully funding public education in Prince George's County is.

Now we have more work to do. Please join us at next week's Board of Education meeting on Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 out front and we will go in together and advocate for our **bargaining proposals**.

Here is a **link** to sign up to speak. Note that you are not able to sign up to speak until **Friday, April 19**.

**Please RSVP here.**





## PGCEA UNION SUMMER 2019

### Join the PGCEA Union Summer Team!

Help build a powerful union driven by the strengths and interests of members! We will train, coach and support PGCEA members to engage in over 500 intentional, one-on-one conversations with early career educators in the summer of 2019.

PGCEA members will be hired as Field Organizers. Union Summer participants will have an intense training and organizing experience. Field Organizers will need to interview for the positions and be available to work non-traditional hours, from 2:00 pm-8:00 pm, Sunday-Thursday, July 29-August 19.

If you are interested in joining the Union Summer 2019 program, [click here](#) to fill out the interest form.

Prince George's County  
**PGCEA**  
 Educators' Association

## Hey Early Educators!!!

# #REALTalk



May 15, 2019

4:30pm - 6:30pm Share your side

6:30pm - 7:30pm Networking

PGCEA Hall

8008 Marlboro Pike

Forestville, MD 20747

Are you an early career teacher in your first year feeling overwhelmed? Are you in your fifth year and you still feel like something is not quite right?

Come let your voice be heard at Real Talk. Get information about the contract that may help you in the long run in your career. Lets generate real solutions to potential problems you may be facing.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

4/24/19

## APRIL 24TH NEGOTIATION SESSION- BARGAINING FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 | 4:30 pm- 7:30 pm

Issac Gourdine MS

8700 Allentown Rd, Friendly, MD 20744

[Click here](#) to RSVP

4/25/19

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 25, 2019 | 7:00 pm

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14201 School Ln, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

[Click here](#) to RSVP

4/27/19

## ALLIANCE TO RECLAIM OUR SCHOOLS PRINCE GEORGE'S CIVIC ACADEMY ON FUNDING

Saturday, April 27, 2019 | 10:00 am

Casa De Maryland

7978-B New Hampshire Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20783

[Click here](#) to RSVP

4/29/19

## COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING

Monday, April 29, 2019 | 7:00 pm

County Administration Building

14741 Governor Oden Bowie Dr, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

[Click here](#) to RSVP

5/07/19

## COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 | 7:00 pm

County Administration Building

14741 Governor Oden Bowie Dr, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

[Click here](#) to RSVP

5/15/19

## #REALTALK: TALK IT OUT

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 | 4:30 pm- 6:30 pm

PGCEA Center

8008 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 20747

[Click here](#) to RSVP

# UPCOMING EVENTS

6/15/19

## END OF THE YEAR MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, June 15, 2019 | 5:35 pm  
Bowie Baysox Stadium  
4101 Crain Highway, Bowie, MD 20716



[Click here](#) to RSVP