

Prince George's County Public Schools + Pull Up Fund Key Messages

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PGCPS + PULL UP FUND OVERVIEW

About Prince George's County Public Schools

Located just minutes from Washington, D.C., Prince George's County offers easy access to the nation's political, cultural, and entertainment center. The vibrant Washington corridor boasts historical sites and museums, top universities and colleges, and a high quality of living.

Prince George's County Public Schools, one of the nation's 20th largest school districts, has 200 schools and centers, more than 132,854 students, and nearly 20,000 employees. The school system serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban, and rural communities located in the Washington, DC suburbs. PGCPS is nationally recognized for college and career-readiness programs that provide students with unique learning opportunities, including dual enrollment and language immersion.

The Board of Education works to advance student achievement through community engagement, sound policy governance, accountability, and fiscal responsibility. The school system's highest priority is preparing students to meet the demands of college and careers.

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About Pull Up Fund

Pull Up Fund proudly supports the youth of Prince George's County. We are pulling up to communities around the county and connecting them with resources to help them thrive.

Prior Pull Up Fund grants have supported an array of different issues including increasing access to mental health services, supporting youth development initiatives, and providing resources for individuals returning to the community after incarceration.

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About Heart of America

Heart of America transforms learning spaces, bridges the resource gap, and strengthens communities to give all students room to learn, discover, and thrive. We believe every student deserves inspiring spaces equipped with the right resources to increase access and equity in education. And behind that belief is a deep commitment to collaboration. We listen thoughtfully and partner closely as we co-create vibrant spaces and innovative solutions that reflect the communities we serve.

Since 1997, we have transformed nearly 1,400 spaces and impacted the lives of more than 2.5 million students in historically marginalized communities by providing over 4.4 million books and more than \$14.3 million in technology.

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THE CHALLENGE

With slashes to federal funding for schools, circumstances have become even harder for educators, administration, and most of all, students. For example, many libraries struggle to find budget for staff and, at times, even keep the lights on. These are prime examples of spaces in dire need of improvements, technology upgrades, and shelves full of books, making them energizing places that inspire learning. Things are moving faster than ever, and these schools need support.

SOLUTION

Heart of America is collaborating with Prince George’s County Public Schools to reimagine 47 libraries in the district, providing students with greater access to books and literacy, as well as a Professional Library for the district. The initiative's system-level scale is part of a collaboration with Pull Up Fund to support youth development initiatives in the area.

Libraries are far from antiquated. As community hubs, they are places for students to connect, imagine, and create. This collaboration will increase access to vital resources like free information, learning opportunities, maker spaces with tech such as 3D printers, and, of course, books.

HOA believes a love of reading starts at an early age and creates a strong foundation for kids throughout their lives. We share a commitment to making sure young people have access to library spaces, no matter their background or economic status. The spaces we'll design in Prince George’s County will include books, traditional library materials, and high-tech equipment, which are sure to plant seeds that inspire kids to dream big.

KEY STATISTICS

- HOA has had the following impact in PGCPS:
 - 85 total projects, including 66 resource distributions and 19 transformations
- Our projects have impacted the lives of 40,000 students
- PGCPS is among the 20 largest school districts in the U.S. and the second-largest school system in Maryland.
 - Total student enrollment: 132,854 (2024)
- The 2025 American Society of Civil Engineers Report Card for America's Infrastructure gives the nation's school facilities a D+
- Despite their age, fewer than half of all public school buildings have undergone significant renovations or replacements since their original construction

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The Uniqueness of this Project

We all know about school funding — from the basics such as pencils to infrastructure, there is never enough money to go around. Recent chaos with federal support only adds worry to an already challenging situation, and schools all over the country need repairs, big and small. Our kids deserve *so much better*.

However, creative solutions prevail, such as the public-private partnership between Prince George's Public School District, Pull Up Fund, and Heart of America. Together, we will redesign 46 libraries across an entire school district. This collaboration shows what can happen when we dream big, center the community's aspirations, and work together to foster ideas that go well beyond just the basics.

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Knowing this work will continue to impact generation after generation fuels our passion to create fair, equitable, and beautiful spaces for our kids.

KEY STATISTICS

- Our PGCPS initiative will impact 25,451 students.
 - As more students come of age, the impact will continue for generations, year after year.
- We will provide over 25,000 books to the district!
 - Because we think students should be able to see themselves in the books they read, we provide culturally relevant, diverse books for each library.

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Key Stats About Prince George's County

***** PGCPS is among the 20 largest school districts in the U.S

***** 15:1 Student to teacher ratio across all schools in district

***** Students at PGCPS are comprised of:

- Black/African American 52.09%
- Hispanic/Latino: 40.67%
- White 3.74%
- Asian 2.44%
- American Indian or Alaska Native 0.06%
- Asian 2.44%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0.02%

***** PGCPS is the second-largest school district in Maryland

***** 48% of high school students tested at or above the proficient level for reading, and 14% tested at or above that level for math

***** 66% of the Prince George's County student population is economically disadvantaged