

Education



Prince William County

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Providing A World-Class Education



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Community College

Prince William County is home to a variety of public and private educational entities, ranging from preschools to universities. While each of these entities contributes to the Quality Education and Workforce Development goal, the public entities have the most direct ties to the County. Prince William County Schools, Northern Virginia Community College, and George Mason University each have strategic plans that outline their individual goals for the near future. In an effort to maximize the partnerships between the County and these entities, the County's Strategic Plan incorporates outcomes from the various strategic plans that are of most interest to the community at large.

2017-2020 Strategic Plan

Quality Education and Workforce Development

Goal Statement: The community fosters a rich, lifelong learning environment to increase educational opportunities and workforce readiness to meet evolving market demands.

Strategic Outcomes:

Increase graduation rate

- Increase graduation rate for Prince William Public Schools from 91%.

Increase percentage of students scoring “Pass Advanced” on SOL

- Increase percentage of students scoring “pass advanced” in Reading from 18%.
- Increase percentage of students scoring “pass advanced” in Math from 17%.
- Increase percentage of students scoring “pass advanced” in Science from 15%.
- Increase percentage of students scoring “pass advanced” in Social Studies from 26%.

Prince William County students will exceed state average for “Pass Advanced” on SOL in each subject area

- Percentage of Prince William County students with “pass advanced” score will continue to exceed the Commonwealth’s average for “pass advanced” in Reading.
- Percentage of Prince William County students with “pass advanced” score will continue to exceed the Commonwealth’s average for “pass advanced” in Math.
- Percentage of Prince William County students with “pass advanced” score will continue to exceed the Commonwealth’s average for “pass advanced” in Science.
- Percentage of Prince William County students with “pass advanced” score will continue to exceed the Commonwealth’s average for “pass advanced” in Social Studies.

Increase percentage of graduates receiving dual enrollment credit

- Increase percentage of high school graduates receiving dual enrollment credit in one or more classes from 6.68%.

Increase workforce development activities

- Increase number of persons receiving training through Northern Virginia Community College Workforce Development Center from 165.
- Increase number of county businesses provided workforce development assistance through the Workforce Development Center from 38.

Increase vocational education training

- Increase percentage of high school graduates receiving vocational education certification from 42.9%.

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Average Tax Bill: Prince William County Schools accounted for \$2,225 and 57.23% of the average residential tax bill in FY18.

Vision

In Prince William County Public Schools, all students will learn to their fullest potential. The education of each student will be individualized and developmentally appropriate. Student learning will be enhanced by national, global, and multicultural perspectives.

Students who graduate from Prince William County Public Schools will possess the basic knowledge and skills that will assure their proficiency in problem solving and the use of technology. Graduates will have a desire to learn and the skills to be life-long learners. They will be responsible citizens. All graduates will be competent to enter the work world and prepared to pursue advanced educational opportunities.

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Expenditure and Revenue Summary

Expenditures	FY14 Actual	FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	FY17 Adopted	FY18 Adopted	% Change Budget FY17/ Budget FY18
Operating Fund	\$890,612,961	\$906,217,008	\$927,284,048	\$990,713,694	\$1,042,779,115	5.26%
Debt Service Fund	\$74,690,942	\$77,277,706	\$84,523,659	\$88,351,647	\$101,045,974	14.37%
Construction Fund	\$89,216,868	\$128,684,169	\$135,947,829	\$141,872,070	\$316,772,454	123.28%
Food Service Fund	\$37,518,592	\$40,108,089	\$40,952,508	\$50,111,937	\$51,285,609	2.34%
Warehouse Fund	\$4,225,637	\$4,530,119	\$36,384	\$4,750,000	\$5,000,000	5.26%
Facilities Use Fund	\$1,199,848	\$1,342,208	\$1,425,097	\$1,367,269	\$1,402,130	2.55%
Self Insurance Fund	\$3,734,219	\$4,610,286	\$4,036,564	\$5,319,343	\$5,367,639	0.91%
Health Insurance Fund	\$77,774,388	\$86,694,039	\$90,684,104	\$98,346,501	\$99,157,018	0.82%
Regional School Fund	\$41,400,205	\$44,992,089	\$7,285,944	\$51,300,000	\$51,308,693	0.02%
Governor's School @ Innovation Park	\$854,266	\$796,927	\$1,203,345	\$877,945	\$968,357	10.30%
School Age Child Care Program Fund	\$461,500	\$590,111	\$650,718	\$630,000	\$630,000	0.00%
Aquatics Center Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,266,235	\$978,562	(56.82%)
Total Schools	\$1,221,689,427	\$1,295,842,752	\$1,294,030,201	\$1,435,906,641	\$1,676,695,551	16.77%

Funding Sources

Revenue from Federal Government	\$2,374	\$49,038	\$0	\$63,165,819	\$69,905,138	10.67%
Use of Money & Property	\$2,176,301	\$2,362,147	\$2,920,654	\$2,278,424	\$1,275,035	(44.04%)
Revenue from Other Localities	\$17,645,328	\$915,988	\$724,136	\$51,274,000	\$51,282,693	0.02%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$542,069,037	\$596,962,005	\$574,623,605	\$7,684,118	\$7,530,779	(2.00%)
Non-Revenue Receipts	\$70,921,517	\$90,036,832	\$107,304,815	\$135,866,242	\$124,472,342	(8.39%)
General Property Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	0.00%
Charges for Services	\$74,252,937	\$78,883,233	\$84,587,448	\$129,007,844	\$133,015,857	3.11%
Revenue from Commonwealth	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$486,767,014	\$512,670,267	5.32%
Transfers In	\$527,756,435	\$522,738,467	\$544,813,000	\$560,058,236	\$574,970,745	2.66%
Total Designated Funding Sources	\$1,234,823,930	\$1,291,947,710	\$1,314,973,658	\$1,436,101,697	\$1,475,222,856	2.72%
Net (Increase)/Decrease to Fund Balance	(\$13,134,503)	\$3,895,042	(\$20,943,456)	(\$195,056)	\$201,472,695	(103,389.67%)

Mission Statement

Providing a World-Class Education

Providing a World-Class Education means...

- The focus is on all students learning and achieving high standards.
- Instruction is engaging and rigorous.
- Reading and writing literacy is taught in all content areas.
- We support the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students.
- Schools and offices are inviting, welcoming, and customer oriented.
- We will accomplish our Strategic Plan by working together.

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Strategic Plan Goals

- Goal 1:** All students meet high standards of performance.
- Goal 2:** The teaching, learning, and working environment is caring, safe, and healthy, and values human diversity.
- Goal 3:** Family and community, and employee engagement create an environment focused on improved student learning and work readiness.
- Goal 4:** Employees are highly qualified (as defined by the Virginia Department of Education), high performing, and diverse.
- Goal 5:** The organizational system is aligned and equitable.

General Overview

- A. The School Budget** is handled independently from other department budgets reviewed by the County Executive. The School Board, which is elected by the citizens of Prince William County, submits its budget request directly to the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS). The BOCS then reviews the proposed budget through work sessions with the School Board. The FY2018 Budget for the Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS) includes a total local County transfer of \$552,205,462. Details of the County transfer are summarized in the table and narrative below.

Summary of School Transfer to PWCS			
	FY17 Adopted	FY18 Adopted	\$ Change
Schools Share of General Revenue (57.23%)	\$526,177,581	\$548,092,545	\$21,914,964
Federal government debt service reimbursement on Qualified School Construction Bonds & Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) Debt	\$1,384,746	\$1,358,252	(\$26,494)
Class Size Reduction Grant*	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
13th High School Debt Service Equivalent	\$0	\$907,375	\$907,375
Cable Grant - Schools Share (57.23%)	\$847,290	\$847,290	\$0
Total School Transfer	\$529,409,617	\$552,205,462	\$22,795,845

* FY17 Class Size Reduction Grant Funds (\$1,000,000) originally located in County Contingency budget. Funding transferred to PWCS via [BOCS Resolution 16-644](#) on August 3, 2016.

- B. County/Schools Revenue Agreement** - The current County/Schools revenue sharing agreement was approved on December 8, 1998, via BOCS Resolution 98-1032 and amended on April 23, 2013, through [BOCS Resolution 13-257](#). The FY2018 Budget adheres to current adopted policy whereby the PWCS receive 57.23% of general revenues, excluding recordation tax revenue, and the County government receives 42.77%.
- C. Federal Government Debt Service Reimbursements** - The Build America Bonds (BAB) and Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) programs were created as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The programs were intended to stimulate the national economy out of economic recession by helping state and local jurisdictions regain access to bond markets after the financial collapse made it difficult to borrow for infrastructure improvements. Municipalities issued taxable bonds at higher

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interest rates with the federal government subsidizing 35% of interest payments under the BAB program and 100% of interest payments under the QSCB program. BAB and QSCB revenue received from the federal government is transferred from the County's general fund to the PWCS' debt service fund since the PWCS pay the annual debt service financed by those bond issuances. However, reimbursement from the federal government has declined due to the federal government sequester. The current sequestration reduction rate for the BAB and QSCB programs is 6.9% less than originally planned.

- D. Class Size Reduction Grant** - On April 21, 2015, the BOCS adopted [BOCS Resolution 15-292](#) creating a Class Size Reduction Grant of up to \$1 million. The grant is intended to help the School Board address the issue that PWCS class sizes are at the maximum permitted under Virginia law. Such funding is contingent upon the execution of a separate grant agreement between the School Board and the BOCS that includes the following provisions:
1. The County's funding, up to \$1,000,000, is matched dollar for dollar by the School Board;
 2. The combined amount, up to \$2,000,000, is used exclusively to sustain the class size reductions achieved during the 2015-2016 school year;
 3. The combined amount, up to \$2,000,000, cannot be used to supplant the level of effort toward class size reduction already contained within the PWCS' budget;
 4. The transfer of class size reduction funds will not occur until the school has identified the funds to be used to provide the match;
 5. The School Board will report on the use of funding and the class size reduction results for the FY16-17 school year.

The FY2018-2022 Five-Year Plan provides funding for the Class Size Reduction Grant in FY18-20.

- E. 13th High School Debt Service Equivalent** - In recognition of higher student enrollment than anticipated by PWCS, the BOCS approved [BOCS Resolution 17-18](#) on January 10, 2017, which transferred \$10.675 million to the PWCS for school site acquisition, renovations, and new school construction in the eastern portion of the County. The BOCS also directed the County Executive to include in the FY2018 Budget annual debt service costs necessary to finance an additional \$10.675 million for additional capital project expenses at the 13th High School. This is an additional transfer to the PWCS over and above the PWCS' share of general revenue identified in the County/Schools Revenue Agreement. Board action was in response to the School Board approving an alternative design for the 13th High School on January 4, 2017, that increases student capacity at the new school by over 500 students and increases the cost by \$10.675 million.
- F. Cable Grant** - An annual 1% cable equipment grant is provided by cable television providers operating in the County. Grant proceeds must be used for cable related capital needs. Although not considered general revenue, revenue derived from the grant is shared with PWCS in accordance with the County/Schools revenue agreement. Both the County and PWCS use cable equipment grant proceeds to support informational programming on their respective access channels. Grant receipts are evaluated on an annual basis for potential, future adjustments.
- G. Student Enrollment Growth** is currently growing at a rate of approximately 1.9% per year. The School Board estimates that almost 1,700 additional students will enroll in FY18 (2017), bringing the total student enrollment to 90,636 students. Total enrollment growth is estimated at nearly 4,700 students over the next three years.

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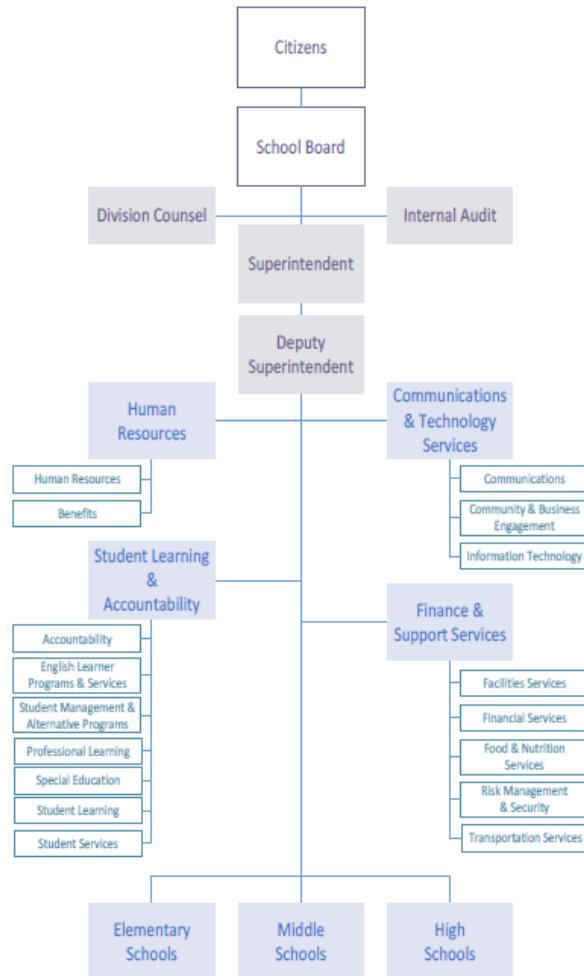
Organization

PWCS is organized to focus on meeting the needs of its projected 90,636 students while managing 97 PWCS. It is an efficient and well-managed organization of more than 11,000 employees.

PWCS is governed by eight elected School Board members. The members are elected to four-year terms. One member represents each of the county's seven magisterial districts and the chairman serves at large. The School Board is charged by Virginia law and the regulations of the Virginia Board of Education to establish guidelines and rules that will ensure the proper administration of the County's school programs.

The Superintendent works closely with the Deputy Superintendent and the associate superintendents to oversee the day-to-day operations of the PWCS and support services. Principals and support department heads report to the associate superintendents.

The School Division operates under a site-based management philosophy where PWCS and departments have significant authority to plan and budget resources to meet Division and school/department goals and objectives. Each school and department is held accountable for successfully meeting goals and objectives.



Five-Year Accomplishments

- Division wide on-time graduation rate is 91.4%, up from 83% just seven years ago, and ranking the Division seventh among the nation's 50 largest school districts
- One-third of PWCS graduates receive at least one qualifying score on an Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Cambridge examination, beating both national and Virginia averages
- More than 94% of PWCS students took a Career and Technical Education course leading to certification or licensure last year – up from 77% two years ago
- Half of PWCS students completing eighth grade last year already earned a high school credit in a “world language”
- PWCS student average SAT scores exceed the national average and has increased by 17 points since 2010-2011
- Since 2012, PWCS energy management efforts have avoided \$17.8 million dollars in energy costs, allowing savings to be reallocated to other vital areas

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Major Awards

- College Board Advanced Placement District Honor Roll, 2013, 2015
- All high PWCS continue to be ranked among the top ten percent of high schools in the United States, “The Washington Post” High School Challenge, 2016
- Virginia Schools to Watch, National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform, 2009-2015
- Top 30 Technologists, Transformers & Trailblazers Award, Center for Digital Education, 2015
- Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program, 2015
- Virginia Board of Education Index of Performance Awards, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2016
- Ranked #1 in Digital School District Survey, Center for Digital Education, 2014
- Teacher of the Year, Virginia Society for Technology in Education, 2014
- Milken Educator Award, 2001, 2003, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2016



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Elementary Schools

- Alexander Henderson
- Antietam
- Ashland
- Bel Air
- Belmont
- Bennett
- Bristow Run
- Buckland Mills
- Cedar Point
- Chris Yung
- Christa McAuliffe
- Coles
- Dale City
- Dumfries
- Elizabeth Vaughan
- Ellis
- Enterprise
- Fannie W. Fitzgerald
- Featherstone
- Glenkirk
- Haymarket
- J.W. Alvey
- Kerrydale
- Kilby
- Kyle R. Wilson
- Lake Ridge
- Leesylvania
- Loch Lomond
- Marshall
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Marumsco Hills
- Mary Williams
- Minnieville
- Montclair
- Mountain View
- Mullen
- Neabsco
- Occoquan
- Old Bridge
- Pace West

- Pattie
- Penn
- Piney Branch
- Potomac View
- River Oaks
- Rockledge
- Rosa Parks
- Samuel L. Gravely, Jr.
- Signal Hill
- Sinclair
- Springwoods
- Sudley
- Swans Creek
- T. Clay Wood
- Triangle
- Tyler
- Victory
- West Gate
- Westridge
- Yorkshire

Traditional K-8 Schools

- Pennington Traditional
- Porter Traditional
- The Nokesville School

Middle Schools

- Benton
- Beville
- Bull Run
- Fred M. Lynn
- Gainesville
- George M. Hampton
- Graham Park
- Lake Ridge
- Marsteller
- Parkside
- Potomac
- Rippon
- Ronald Reagan

- Saunders
- Stonewall
- Woodbridge

High Schools

- Battlefield
- Brentsville District
- C. D. Hylton
- Charles J. Colgan, Sr.
- Forest Park
- Freedom
- Gar-Field Senior
- Osbourn Park
- Patriot
- Potomac
- Stonewall Jackson
- The Governor's School @ Innovation Park
- Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology
- Virtual High School @ PWCS
- Woodbridge

Alternative Schools

- New Directions Alternative Center
- New Dominion Alternative Center
- Pace East Program

Preschool

- Woodbine Preschool Center

