PWCS
Legislative Priorities 2021

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PWCS Highlights

• **89,076 students**
  - 41.7% economic disadvantaged
  - 35.73% Hispanic, 28% White, 20.3% Black or African American, 9.6% Asian

• **93% graduation rate**
  - 13th consecutive year of improvement

• **100 Schools and centers**
  - New middle and high school opening next fall

• **100% fully accredited**

• **60 EPA Green Schools**

• **11,975 employees**

• **#1 best school division to work for in Virginia as ranked by Forbes Magazine**
  - #11 best overall employer in state
PWCS Highlights

• Pandemic Response Highlights
  • Implemented state approved health and return to learning plans
  • Simultaneous virtual, in-person, hybrid, concurrent learning models
    • Canvas Learning Management System
    • 100G network
  • Digital Equity for every student
    • Laptops for every student
    • Home internet access for all students in need of support
• Food Services
  • Daily meals and weekly grocery supplements
  • 3/16 to 11/13 - 7.5 MILLION meal equivalents served
PWCS Highlights

• Pandemic Response Highlights
  • Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
    • Meet or exceed all state standards
    • Fit tested N95s for high-risk staff
    • All staff have access to KN95s
  • Weekly collaboration with Prince William Health District
    • Nurse in every school
    • Daily monitoring of COVID-19 within PWCS
    • Public reporting dashboard updated daily on PWCS.edu
Funding Outlook

• **Great financial uncertainty**
  • Sales tax and revenue projections
  • Federal stimulus
  • COVID-19 operational impacts into Fiscal Year 2022 (July 2021)

• **Need support to hold harmless**
  • Enrollment decreases
    • September 30, 2020, student enrollment 89,076 vs FY2021 budget projected enrollment of 92,048
  • Sales tax

• **Need support sustaining COVID-19 investments**
  • Internet for students at home
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Additional Areas of Support/Opposition

• COVID-19 relief
  • Support all bills that provide relief to statutorily required in-person learning requirements (such as parent/student driver education component) through 2021 and funding relief for school divisions for increased costs incurred as a result of COVID-19 operational changes and impacts

• Conduct and discipline
  • Oppose statewide mandates inhibiting school administrators

• Finance/purchasing/food service
  • Oppose unfunded mandates

• Instruction and Standards of Learning
  • Support increased funding of teacher and staff professional development

• Instructional technology
  • Support Virginia Star
  • Support state funding for every household to have access to fixed broadband or wireless broadband

• School Board governance
  • Oppose limiting School Board authority on charter schools

• Energy efficiency
  • Support bills that contribute to the School Division’s efforts to conserve energy and natural resources
Next Steps Following Board Approval

• Jim Council, PWCS Representative in Richmond
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• Virtual visits in January and during session
• Thank you for your support
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