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Prince William County

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Providing A World-Class Education

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- Instituted full-day kindergarten countywide.
- The on-time graduation rate is up to 91.4%, meeting and then exceeding the 90% goal established by our last strategic plan.
 - This placed Prince William County Public Schools seventh among the top-50 largest school districts in the country.



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- Successfully navigated through a worldwide financial crisis that caused many other school systems to flounder.
- Yet we managed without substantially cutting our programs or resorting to laying off a single staff member. That is important because retaining the right people and caring about employees is a vital part of making our system work.

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- Made certain that teachers and staff received a pay increase in every single year but one.
- Over a decade, we managed to build 18 new schools to serve an enrollment that grew from 68,000 to more than 87,000. Every one of those new schools was delivered on time and within budget.

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- Since 2012, energy management efforts have avoided 14.4 million dollars in energy costs—money we put toward student education; and it is building success.

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- One-third of graduates now receive at least one qualifying score on an Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Cambridge examination, meaning they can get college credit for what they achieved in our schools.
 - This beats the national average of 20%, Virginia's 28%, and even the highest-ranking state, Maryland, which came in at 30% versus our 33%.

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- Last year, 94% of PWCS graduates took a Career and Technical Education course that led to certification or licensure. That is career preparation, and it is up from 77% in just two years.
- PWCS is known nationwide as a leader in robotics. Every single school offers a program or team, thanks to tremendous financial support from the business community.

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- Half of the students completing eighth grade last year had already earned a high school credit in a world language. That's an 8% jump since 2011.
- Expanded our pre-Kindergarten offerings.