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Dear Prince George's County Schools Community,

Truly exceptional learning, engagement and student success cannot take place without trust, transparency and the willingness to put the County's most precious gift first - our students. During Dr. Kevin Maxwell's tenure as chief executive officer of Prince George's County Public Schools, we have made significant academic progress. Those successes can be found in the stories of our students who continue to excel inside and outside of our classrooms as well as our dedicated teachers and staff. Under Dr. Maxwell's leadership, we have expanded pre-Kindergarten classes, language immersion programs and dual enrollment opportunities. In addition, the number of scholarship monies received by our graduating seniors increased from \$91 million to \$151.5 million.

This week, Dr. Kevin Maxwell announced his intent to transition out as CEO of the Prince George's County Public Schools after the end of this school year. Dr. Maxwell has been a champion for students for more than 40 years. He has devoted his entire professional career to uplifting and empowering teachers and staff, advocating for smart government policies, advocating for increased educational funding, and most important, he has helped PGCPS gain national recognition for many of our outstanding programs. We greatly appreciate Dr. Maxwell for his service and his many contributions. We wish him all the best.

As we prepare for change, we will work through the details of Dr. Maxwell's transition at the end of the school year and will announce them as soon as they are finalized.

Over the last several months, we have heard from many stakeholders — including many students, teachers, and staff — who expressed concerns about the current state of our school district. As a board, we acknowledge that we have made missteps and, in some cases, we simply didn't get it quite right. As we move forward, we pledge to continue to listen to all stakeholders with the goal of deeply understanding their needs, addressing their concerns, and moving our school system forward.

In times like these, it is incumbent upon every member of our community to pause, reflect, and find a way to work together for the greater good of Prince George's County. The work of our teachers and staff will continue to be at the core of everything we do. We are deeply appreciative of their contributions and the caring commitment and dedication they demonstrate every single day. They will continue to prepare our students to succeed.

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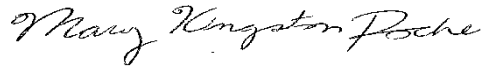
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We encourage you to continue to share your feedback as we work to improve our school district by emailing your comments to testimony@pgcps.org. In the end, we will be better for it.

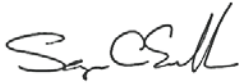
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