

# 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**
  - 13<sup>th</sup> 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



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- **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



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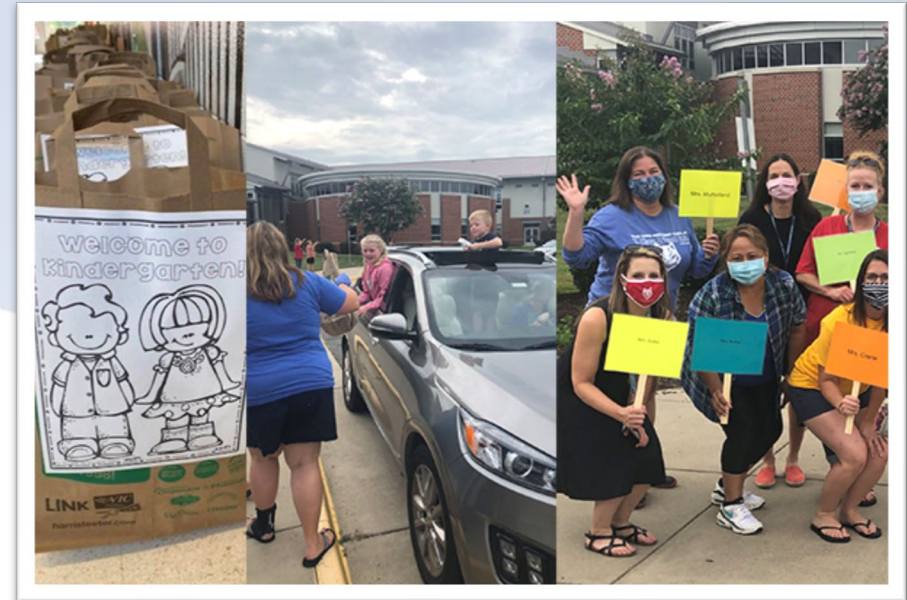
- **Pandemic Response Highlights**

- **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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1. Provide Additional In-Classroom Supports for Teachers
2. SOQ and Accreditation Flexibility
3. College and Career Readiness
4. Full Funding for the Standards of Quality (SOQ)
5. Remove Attendance Requirements for Accreditation
6. Teacher Salary Increases and Cost-Of-Competing Allocation (COCA)
7. Restore Education Funding to Pre-Economic Recession Levels
8. Repeal or Modify Proffer Limitations
9. Modify Advanced Studies Diploma Requirements to Encourage More Rigorous Coursework
10. Computer Coding to Satisfy World Language Graduation Requirement

# 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
  - 804-347-0503
  - [jgovconsult@verizon.net](mailto:jgovconsult@verizon.net)
- Virtual visits in January and during session
- Thank you for your support



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