



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

14201 School Lane | Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 | 301-952-6115 | [www.pgcps.org/offices/board-of-education](http://www.pgcps.org/offices/board-of-education)

**Board Chairman**  
Brannndon Jackson  
District 6

**Board Vice Chair**  
Jonathan Briggs, M.Ed. MLS  
District 2

**Board Members**  
Dr. Tiffini Andorful  
District 1

Pamela Boozer-Strother, MBA, CAE  
District 3

Aimee Olivo  
District 4

Robin Brown  
District 5

Dr. Phelton C. Moss  
District 7

Zakyia Goins-McCants  
District 8

VACANT  
District 9

**Student Member**  
Erioluwa Ajakaye

**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Dr. Shawn Joseph  
Superintendent

February 25, 2026

Chair Jheanelle Wilkins, Vice Chair Anne Kaiser, and members of the Ways and Means Committee

## House Bill 26 Public Schools - Open Enrollment - Policies and Funding

### Position: OPPOSE

**Contact:** Dr. Phelton Moss, Chair, Policy and Governance Committee  
[Phelton.Moss@pgcps.org](mailto:Phelton.Moss@pgcps.org) | Johntel Greene, Government Relations [Johntel@goodgov.ai](mailto:Johntel@goodgov.ai)

Dear Chair Wilkins and esteemed members of the Ways and Means Committee,

Thank you for the work you all do on behalf of our students, educators, and staff across the state and in the Prince George's County Public Schools community. On behalf of the Prince George's County Board of Education, representing over 130,000 students, and thousands more in our school communities, we respectfully oppose HB26 and urge an unfavorable report.

In order to meet the requirements of this mandate, PGCPs would need to:

(1) Make modifications to its existing administrative procedures regarding Registration and Enrollment of students, Student Transfer policy, and Athletic participation policies.

(2) A staff member within Central Office would need to monitor/manage these registrations to ensure that upon application, the students are vetted to see if space is available in the requested school and ensure that no policy violations occur. This would also require an upgrade to the student information system to address external transfers and withdrawals, which would require a new enrollment and withdrawal system that had the capacity to interact with other school districts' systems. This would require an upgrade to the student information system, which would cost approximately \$9 per student plus the hiring of additional staff. Furthermore, there would be an impact to the operation of interscholastic athletics and would result in an administrative burden to the schools and the athletic office to ensure that the MSPPAA rules are followed. Additionally, there will be an administrative burden in terms of providing MSDE annually with information about each student enrolled in a school in another county.

This legislation would not only be against our district policy, it would also negatively impact our ability to plan. For those reasons, we strongly oppose and ask for an unfavorable report.

Thank you,

Prince George's County Board of Education