



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **PGCPS STUDENTS AND STAFF RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP IN GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION**

**WHO:** State Senator Ulysses Currie, Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee  
State Senator Nathaniel Exum, Finance Committee  
Maryland State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education  
PGCPS students, teachers, and administrators

**WHAT:** **Celebrating Gifted and Talented Education in Maryland Reception**

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, February 11, 2009 • 6-8 p.m.**

**WHERE:** Miller Senate Office Building  
President's Conference Room – East 1&2  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Eight Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students, teachers, and administrators will be recognized by the Maryland State Advisory Council on Gifted and Talented Education for their contributions to Gifted and Talented (TAG) Education in Maryland public schools.

This year's theme is "*Invest in Gifted Education; Gifted Students Give Back.*" During the Council's annual reception, the following PGCPS staff and students will be honored: Scott Brenner (Specialist, TAG Office), Pam Landry (Principal, Rockledge ES), Paulette Watkins (Principal, Kingsford ES), Dr. Gladys Whitehead (Director, Curriculum & Instruction), Amanda Meyer (Teacher, Walker Mill MS), Richard Johnson (Teacher, Heather Hills ES), Jamar Johnson (Student, Oakcrest ES), and Jonece Layne (Student, Eleanor Roosevelt HS).

The Maryland State Advisory Council on Gifted and Talented Education, appointed by State Superintendent of Schools Nancy S. Grasmick, hosts the annual reception to recognize the contributions of educators, community members, and students representing 14 school systems across the state.

For more information about the PGCPS Talented and Gifted Program, call 301-808-3790.