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### STUDENTS OFFERED MORE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Parents and students have an opportunity to secure an available seat in one of the Opportunity Zone schools in Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). These schools include Enrichment and Specialty Programs (ESP) and Public Charter Schools. These innovative school models are offered within the new "Opportunity Zone" established this school year. Each has its own application and both are available on the school system's Web site [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org).

"The Board of Education is increasing choices for families when selecting their children's education in Prince George's County Public Schools," said Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq., Chair, Prince George's County Board of Education. "Our specialty programs and public charter schools are high-quality options. We are very proud of them and look forward to welcoming our new students into these programs next school year,"

Parents, guardians, and students are invited to attend the **Opportunity Zone/ESP/New and Charter Schools Showcase on Wednesday, February 4 from 6-8 p.m. in the lobby at Charles H. Flowers High School in Springdale, MD.** Representatives from schools and programs will be available to answer questions. The snow date is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

Applications for the 2009-10 school year lottery are available on the school system's Web site and are due in the Office of Enrichment and Specialty Program by **5 p.m. Friday, March 6.** Applications can be mailed or delivered to the Sasscer Administration Building 14201 School Lane, Room 201-I, Upper Marlboro.

The Lottery Drawing will be held on **Thursday, March 26** and placement letters will be mailed to homes during the months of April and May. A full listing of Opportunity Zone schools and programs as well as more information on the application process is available on PGCPS Web site.

For more information contact the Office of Enrichment and Specialty Programs, 301-952-6044.