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### PGCPS BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED TO STATEWIDE PRINCIPALS' TASK FORCE

Prince George's County Board of Education member R. Owen Johnson, Jr. has been appointed to serve on the statewide Principals' Task Force.

The goal of the task force is to provide the governor with recommendations that will assist in recruiting, developing, rewarding, and retaining outstanding principals throughout the state of Maryland.

"Mr. Johnson is an exceptional leader," said Board Chair Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq. "His commitment, experience, and expertise will be a great asset to the task force as they recruit exceptional principals to the state of Maryland."

The task force was charged with developing a clearer understanding of the current and emerging roles of school principals, identifying efficient and effective means to provide guidance to school leaders through the Maryland Instructional Leadership Framework, and identifying best practices for recruiting, developing, and retaining principals in Maryland. The task force will identify the characteristics of successful leaders in Maryland schools, especially those who have been successful in challenging circumstances. Members will discuss alternate pathways to principal licensure and core standards for the evaluation of principals, while identifying strategies to promote organizational structures that distribute school leadership responsibilities and allow principals to enhance their roles as instructional leaders.