The PGCPS Master Plan Support Project (MPSP):

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: What is the MPSP and why is it important?**
**A:** The MPSP was started by PGCPS to develop a process for prioritizing school construction and renovation projects. It is very important, because recommendations made in the final MPSP report will assist the school district in deciding which projects are needed at each school and when they should be done. The MPSP will also be used to help make decisions on school closures or boundary changes, as well as provide budget guidelines for school improvements.

**Q: How will school projects be prioritized?**
**A:** Project priorities in the MPSP report will be based on three things: mission, condition, and function.

**Mission:** The MPSP will evaluate school buildings based on their ability to support PGCPS initiatives listed in the Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP), such as expanding language immersion programs and prekindergarten, implementing career academies in high schools, and integrating special education programs within neighborhood schools.

**Condition:** The MPSP will update the 2012 facility condition index (FCI) to reflect projects that will be completed in 2015.

**Function:** The MPSP will evaluate all school buildings built before 1999 on their ability to meet educational program needs, based on the latest local, state, and national educational standards.

**Q: How do I get involved and can I make a difference?**
**A:** Your input plays a key role in the MPSP. The best way to ensure your input will be included when developing the MPSP report is to attend one of three community meetings planned for early March. You can also visit [www.pgcps.org/cip/](http://www.pgcps.org/cip/) to email your suggestions and check for updates on the project.

**Q: How will information from the MPSP be used?**
**A:** PGCPS will use the MPSP report to update its Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) and establish its 2017 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

**Q: How do I find out about project priorities for my child’s school?**
**A:** Visit [www.pgcps.org/cip/](http://www.pgcps.org/cip/) to view the current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). A copy of the MPSP report will be posted in May. You may also contact Elizabeth Chaisson, Department of Capital Programs, at elizabeth.chaisson@pgcps.org.

For more information, visit the Department of Capital Programs website at [www1.pgcps.org/cip/](http://www1.pgcps.org/cip/).