

PETERSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# PCPS Community Builders Grant

November 2024 Submission





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*Community schools initiatives provide a framework for integrated student supports, expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities, active family and community engagement, and collaborative leadership and practices.*

*-Grant Funding Parameters*





# A Rich & Complex Narrative

Petersburg is a community that has a rich history and a promising future! Petersburg certainly has a complex narrative, balancing its historical significance with contemporary challenges. The community's rich history is reflected in its architecture, culture, and local stories, but the issues of crime, food insecurity, and access to resources and jobs are pressing concerns that affect many residents.



## Petersburg Data

According to Census Data, the population of Petersburg is approximately 33,261. Of this number, 21.8% of residents hold a bachelor's degree or higher. Census data indicates that 22.2% of the population lives below the poverty line. This number is more than double the number for VA, and 1.5 times higher than the national rate. Data also indicates that Petersburg is in the 12th percentile for safety, meaning 88% of cities are safer and 12% of cities are more dangerous.

## PCPS Data

At PCPS, our mission is to develop 21st-century citizens able to effectively collaborate, communicate, and innovate! Our division is comprised of 7 schools and approximately 4,178 students. The districts minority enrollment is 100%. Also, 72.7 of our students are considered economically disadvantaged.





# Community Builders PCPS Grant Goals



*The vision for the execution of the Community Builders Grant in PCPS is to utilize family engagement, community partnership, and collaborative leadership to create alternatives that will positively shift our cities data, while improving our lives of our students and their families.*



*While Community Builders grant funded activities are open to all students and families, the data of 8th grade participants are a key focus of our data analysis efforts.*

01

By July 2025, at least 100 PCPS families will have increased their skills and knowledge of relevant parental and community information, resources, and services as measured by survey assessments.

02

By July 2025, PCPS will have established and maintained 25 community partnerships aimed at enhancing educational opportunities and resources for students. Progress will be tracked through quarterly meetings and documented partnership agreements, ensuring alignment with our district's strategic plan to foster community engagement and student success.

03

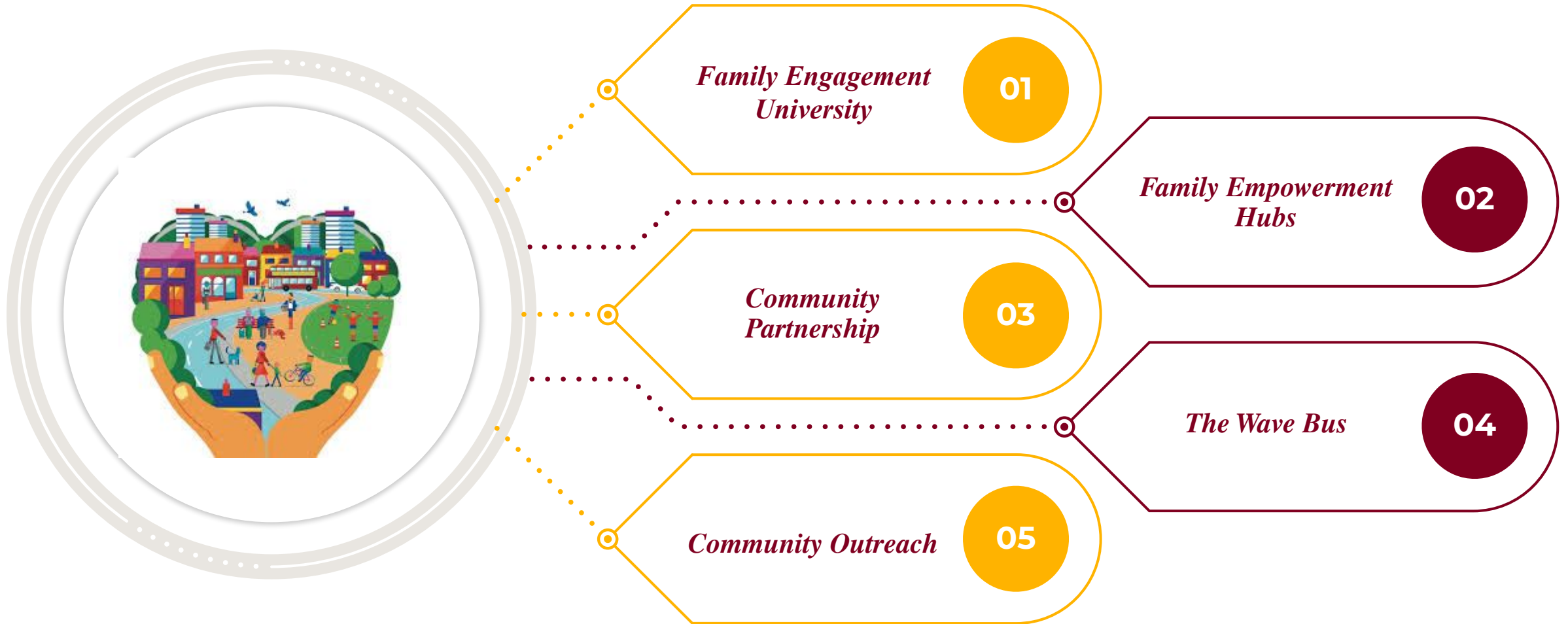
Action steps during Summer 2025: To be determined based on approved 2024 actions submitted to VDOE.

04

Action steps during 2025-2026 school year: To be determined after Year 1 of implementation.



# Building Community One Initiative At A Time



# Family Engagement University



**Family Engagement University has been designed to support our families in their efforts to support their learners. For each session, dinner, childcare, and transportation are provided. We also invite community partners to serve as vendors, providing families with increased access to resources.**

8/29



## **Student Advocacy: Following the Steps to Successful Collaboration**

This session was designed to support parents in their efforts to effectively advocate for their children within the school system.

9/17



## **Making the Most of Test Results: Understanding the results of various test results. (MAP's, VAL's, Growth Assessments)**

This session was designed to support parents by increasing their knowledge of the assessments that their children take, and with understanding how to read assessment results.

9/26



## **Right to Read (Virginia Literacy Act Support)**

This session was designed to support our parents with learning all things VLA, and how parents can help learners at home.

10/10



## **Pathways to Post-Secondary (Fafsa, Scholarships, Transition Plans, Military Recruitment) Topic: Workforce Development**

This session was designed to expose our 8th graders and high school students to specialty center and post-secondary opportunities.

10/24



## **Workforce Development**

This session was designed to help connect our parents to employment opportunities and certifications resources.

11/7



## **Keeping Your Child Safe in School**

This panel discussion will facilitate conversations between schools, families, and community partners around school safety.

# Family Engagement University



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## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT UNIVERSITY FOR PARENTS

**F.E.U.**

Enrollment begins **July 29th**.  
First semester begins **August 29th**.  
Class locations will be emailed.

Classes will be held twice monthly on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM.

**Program Includes:**

- Dinner at 6:00 PM
- Childcare is provided
- Transportation is provided
- Prizes and raffles!

A graduation will be held at the end of second semester.

Scan the QR code to register!

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## UNIVERSIDAD DE PARTICIPACION DE FAMILIAS PARA PADRES Y MADRES

**F.E.U.**

La REGISTRACION COMIENZA **Julio 29th**.  
Primer Semestre Comienza **Agosto 29th**.  
El local donde serán ofrecidas las reuniones será compartida vía correo electrónico.  
Las clases serán ofrecidas dos veces al mes, los Jueves en la Noche a las 6:30 PM.

**El Programa Incluye:**

- Cena a las 6:00 PM
- Se proveera Cuido para niños
- Se proveera Transporte
- Premios y Rifas!

Habra una graduacion al final del Segundo semestre.

Debe de tener 80% de asistencia para Graduarte!

Escanee el codigo QR para registrarte!

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## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT UNIVERSITY FOR PARENTS

**F.E.U.**

APPLY NOW

SCAN ME

Next Class: **September 17th**  
Class location: **Lakemont Elementary**

Classes will be held twice monthly on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM.

**Program Includes:**

- Dinner at 6:00 PM
- Childcare is provided
- Transportation is provided
- Prizes and raffles!

A graduation will be held at the end of second semester.

Must have 80% attendance to graduate!

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## Family Engagement University COLLEGE HILL

**F.E.U.**

Join us for the College Hill edition of F.E.U!

**OCTOBER 10TH 6:00 PM**

WE WILL PROVIDE:

- DINNER
- ENTERTAINMENT
- CHILD CARE
- TRANSPORTATION
- PRIZES

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

LOCATION: **PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL**

SCAN HERE!

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## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE IN SCHOOL

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

November 7th, 2024  
**@ Cool Spring Elementary School**

The PCPS Family Engagement Team invites you to be part of a Panel Discussion on the topic "Keeping Your Child Safe in School."

Help us cultivate a safe and secure learning environment for our students!

Scan QR code to register

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## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Get connected to family resources, employment resources and certifications!

**PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- Dinner at 6:00 PM
- Childcare is provided
- Transportation is provided
- Prizes and raffles!

A graduation will be held at the end of second semester.

Must have 80% attendance to graduate!

**WHEN? OCTOBER 24TH**  
**WHERE? WALNUT HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Register now to gain access to a new world of opportunities!

SCAN HERE!

\*All flyers are translated into Spanish.



# Family Engagement University Continued...

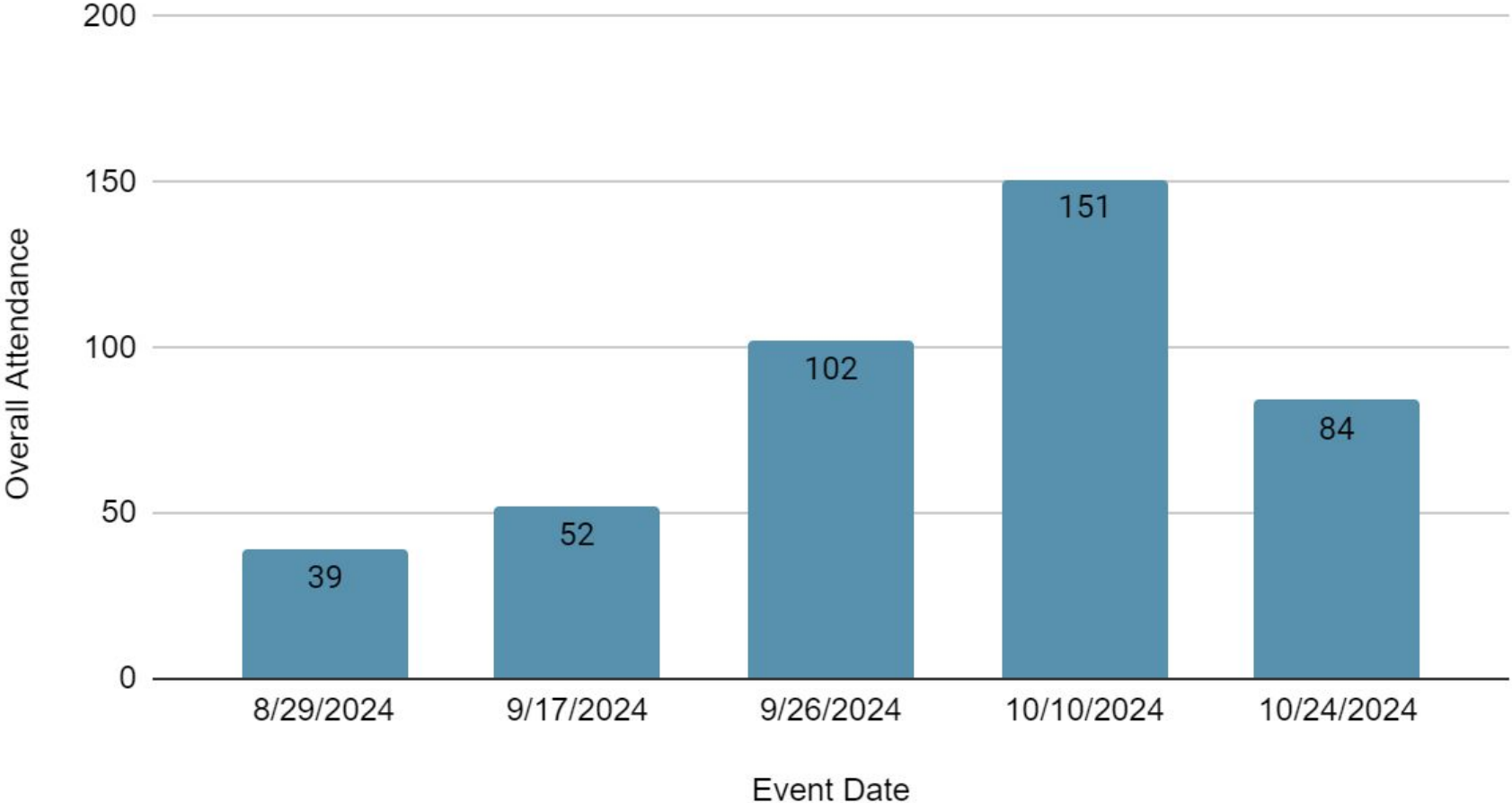




# Overall Participation Data



### Overall Attendance vs. Event Date

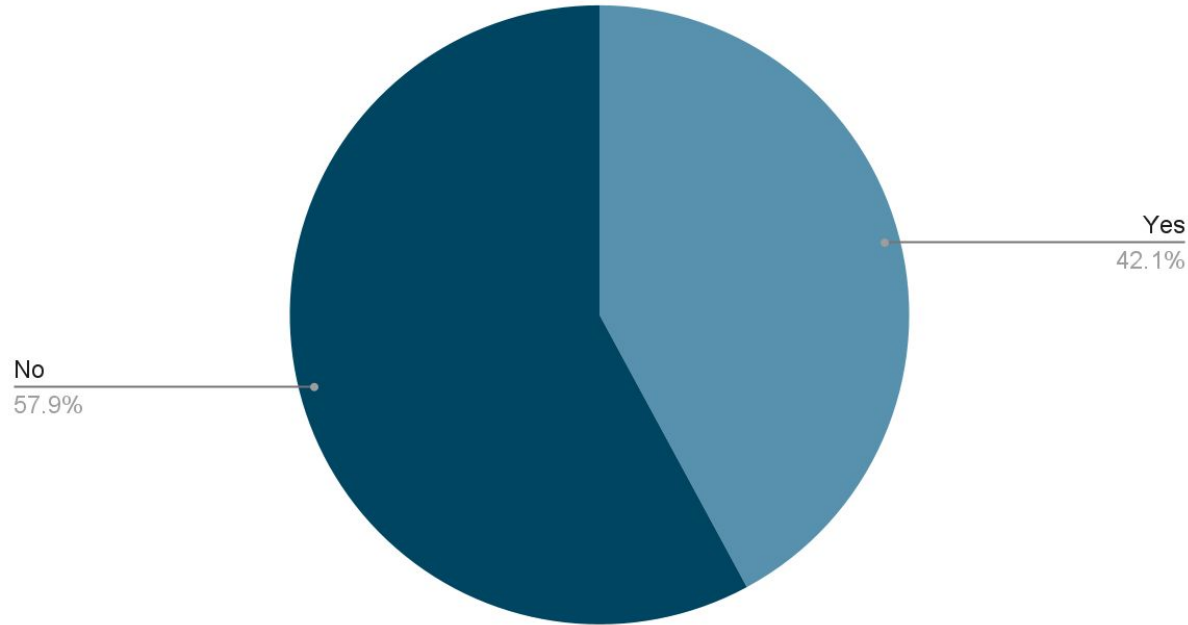


\*On 10/24 there were competing events hosted in the division.

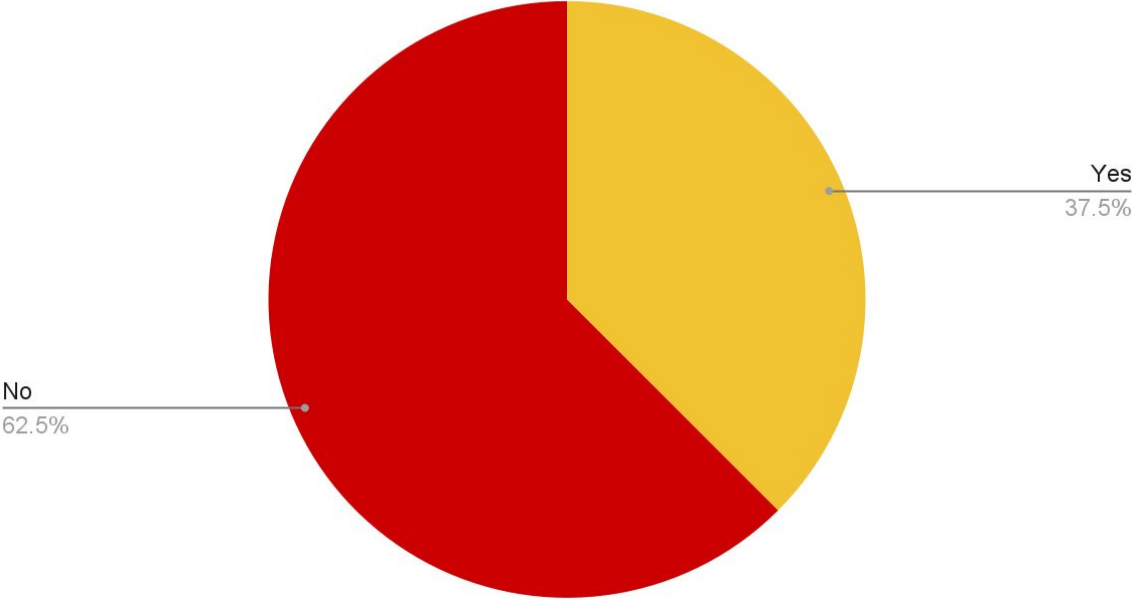
# 8th Grade Data Attendance & Discipline



Percentage of Students Who Are Chronically Absent



Percentage of Students w/Disciplinary Infractions





KATIE'S SOLES



Junior Achievement™ USA

Member of JA Worldwide



Current Grant Partner Count: 5



# Building Community Through Partnership

Petersburg City Public School Division's Community Partners enhance education through their resources, services, and expertise. They generously provide financial support, supplies, and materials for student programs and events, enriching our learning environments. Through workshops, mentoring, and career exposure, they broaden student learning and introduce pathways to future careers.

These partners play a vital role in family engagement, supporting initiatives like parent workshops and resource centers, connecting our schools with families and offering essential resources. Their health and wellness programs provide healthcare, mental health support, and nutrition services, ensuring our students' well-being. Workforce development opportunities from these partnerships prepare students with practical skills and job experience.

# Community Outreach



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## The Family Support Coalition

In an effort to connect our families to the most needed resources, we have created a Family Support Coalition. The goal of the Coalition is to: ***leverage the collective resources available in PCPS for the purpose of promoting positive outcomes for all division families.***

01

## The Neighborhood Table/Care Corner

The Neighborhood Table/Care Corner is an extension of the Coalition's efforts to impact food insecurity and support our families with access to basic needs. The goals for this effort align with the goals of each entity represented.

02



Language Instruction Educational Program





# Family Empowerment Hubs

Our Family Empowerment Hubs will provide our parents with a space in their school communities that will provide them with:

- A space to meet/advocate
- Information on available community resources
- Computers to apply for jobs

## Family Empowerment Hub Ribbon Cuttings

Lakemont Elementary School: Nov.11th

Blandford 6th Grade Academy: Nov. 11th

Westview Early Childhood Center: Nov.13th

Walnut Hill Elementary School: Nov.14th

Vernon Johns Middle School: Nov. 15th







# The Wave Bus Extending Our Reach

The Wave Bus is used to get out in the community and go where are families are. The bus, which serves as a mobile extension of our efforts, has been known to support division and community events. To increase impact and connections to resources, we also try to partner with community partners so that families are connected to even more resources! In addition to community partner resources, we currently use the bus to provide:

- Hygiene Kits
- Clothing Items
- Anxiety & Stress Management Supports
- Books & Academic Supports
- Computer Access





**THANK YOU**