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Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Prince George's County Public Schools Community,

With emotions running high since last week's election, I would like to address the fear and uncertainty that has been expressed by many students, families and members of our diverse community.

The outcome of the election does not change our mission and direction for our school system. We will continue to stand with all of our Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students and families. Please be assured that our schools will continue to be places of learning where *all* students are welcome, safe, and valued.

Staff will continue to provide a high-quality education for all students regardless of their ethnicity, immigration status or religion. All students will continue to learn and grow in supportive environments.

There are supports throughout the system and county for children and families:

- Students are encouraged to visit their professional school counselor if they just need someone to hear their concerns.
- The Office of Diversity Affairs can help to connect families with resources, provide support to staff and identify resources for students. You can reach Diversity Officer Nora Morales at nora.morales@pgcps.org.
- The Department of Family and Community Engagement can help address bullying, conflict resolution, stress management and other issues through its [Family Institute program](#). You can reach Director Sheila Jackson at sjackson@pgcps.org.
- There are also additional supports through local agencies such as the Prince George's County Health Department, as well as community groups and faith-based organizations.

As always, the well-being of students and staff is of the utmost concern. We will continue to work closely with families and community partners to ensure that our schools are safe for all.

Sincerely,

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