



Prince William County

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Providing A World-Class Education



Summary of
Superintendent's Advisory Council on Instruction Meeting

Annual Report to the Superintendent

Meeting date: Thursday, April 8, 2021

Commendations

- Improved communication throughout the Division
- Flexibility and adaptability of administrators, teachers, and staff to the ever-changing challenges of this school year
- Focus on the student-first approach to education this year
- Technology improvements throughout the Division including the implementation of a 1:1 program for devices for all students, the distribution of hot spots to families in need of internet access, increased bandwidth capabilities, and the use of QR codes to help monitor movements in the schools
- Increased focus on mental health and additional staffing and funding to support such efforts
- Providing flexibility and the choice of in person or virtual learning opportunities to families
- Live instruction for virtual students
- Availability of Specialty Programs with express busing
- Excellence in School Food and Nutrition Programs and the meal distribution program implemented this year which benefited all Prince William County students
- SPARK- The Education Foundation for Prince William County Schools and the support it provides

Quick Fixes

- Placing mental health resources as its own heading on the Division homepage rather than listing it under another topic
- Updating the search function on the PWCS website to exclusively search PWCS.EDU
- Improving labeling of questionnaires and surveys to eliminate confusion for parents
- Encouraging 1-page guides for each school on points of contact for major concerns (ex. Laptop support)

Possible SACI Topics for 2021-2022

- Pandemic update including information on the impact of the pandemic on academic outcomes, lost learning recovery efforts, and the transition back to in-person instruction
- Virtual learning opportunities and support including updates on offering a Virtual Academy
- Substitute teachers and bus drivers including recruitment and training
- Equity and anti-racist instructional pedagogies
- Testing practices including testing changes and SOLs
- Mental health
- Site-based management
- Gifted services and special education

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matters!

