

The 2019 Maryland General Assembly Session has arrived, accompanied by the anticipation of major opportunities for state investment and legislative progress. If properly realized, these opportunities will positively impact the lives of over 900,000 residents who proudly call Prince George's County home. The Alsobrooks Administration is committed to the ideal of Unified Leadership; and understands the vital importance of fostering a strong, sincere and highly-collaborative working relationship with Prince George's County's State Legislative Delegation.

Only operating as one team, are we fully able to protect and enhance critical State funding necessary to transform our school system, expand quality healthcare resources to more residents; spur responsible economic development and job creation; advance successful policies that make our communities safer and protect our natural resources that so many of us enjoy. It's only by working together that we realize our promise and grow Prince George's Pride.



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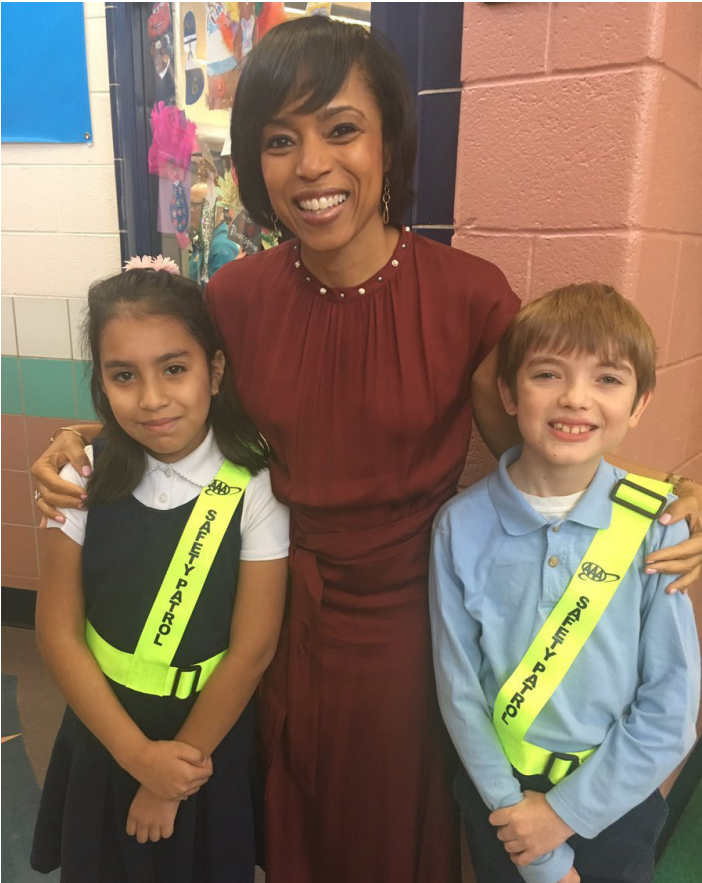


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**2019
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
Maryland General Assembly**

Growing Prince George's Pride

Education



Prince George’s County Public Schools system is the second largest in the state. We have a diverse population and many challenges we must address. Sixty-one percent of students receive Free and Reduced Meals; 20% of students have special needs and 10% of students are English Language Learners (ELLs). As the General Assembly begins deliberations on implementing the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission, it is important that the unique needs of our student population are taken into account.

I hope that any initial implementation of Kirwan will focus on an expansion of Pre-K, work to address the needs of schools with high concentrations of at-risk students and provide additional support for our teachers. We must also work to improve the state of our school facilities. Too many of our buildings are out-dated and overcrowded and do not deliver the quality educational experience that our students deserve. The state plays a key role in funding new facilities as well as renovating existing school facilities and the Alsobrooks Administration will advocate for increased state aid, particularly for schools that are built more efficiently.

We also must consider innovative ways to build, operate and maintain education facilities. We will also focus on expanding programs that support college and career readiness. This will include supporting an expansion of programs that support first generation college students as well as dual enrollment and college readiness and expanding career and technical educational (CTE) programs in our schools. Currently, 23% of state wide students graduate with an independently approved or CTE credential; Prince George’s rate is 10%, the second lowest in the state.

Youth Development



Youth sports can introduce children to the virtues of hard work, dedication, team work, practice and a healthy lifestyle.

As an initial first step in what will be a multi-phase effort, I will be submitting legislation to specifically expand the mission statement of the Department of Parks and Recreation to include youth sports as a direct responsibility.

This will pave the way for them to play an increased and coordinated role in the provision of youth sports in the County.

County Beautification

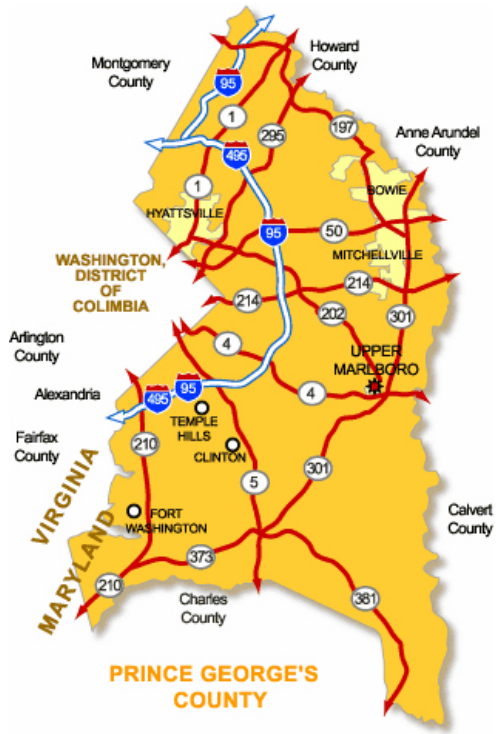
I want to instill a greater sense of pride in our beautiful county among our residents. That means addressing the issues that confront us, celebrating our successes and working to improve the physical curb appeal of the county.

Many of the elements of our beautification plan will not involve state legislation, such as, improving bulky trash collection, launching a comprehensive litter education program, deploying more trash cans in the county and utilizing cameras to catch illegal dumpers. With illegal dumping, we are seeking legisla-tion to increase and streamline the penalties.

In addition, as part of our beautification efforts, I am propos-ing legislation to mandate that the state publish its schedule for maintaining the medians on state roads as well as the timing of any litter pickups on the same. This will allow us to coordi-nate our efforts and also create transparency on how frequently these services are provided.



Transportation



Our priorities will include:

Arena Drive - Designed to be an outlet valve for game day traffic but now serves as the front door for one of our premiere areas, and soon to be the home of the new Regional Medical Center, downtown Largo. The current configuration of that intersection is impeding future growth in that area and must be addressed.

Route One - The front door to the state’s flagship University, which also happens to be one of the primary economic drivers in the county, this reconstruction must be accelerated and put back on track to its original schedule.

Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) - As many of you know, we recently suffered another fatality on 210. As the County collects funds that must be spent on 210, we are looking to partner with the state on a more fundamental and comprehensive approach to bring needed change to that roadway to improve safety and lessen congestion.

Additional Priorities

- Addressing the over-abundance of vacant and abandoned homes
- Investment in our Inner Beltway communities
- Substance abuse treatment
- Providing better access to mental health services