

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott  
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: January 5, 2017

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1. Whitehall Elementary School Heating Issues

There has been an ongoing problem with heat and other maintenance issues at Whitehall Elementary School this winter. The issue came to a head just before Christmas when parents took to social media to express their concerns about the problem and appealed to the Mayor for assistance. City staff contacted the Office of the Chief Operating Officer for the School System and was assured that PGCPS maintenance staff was very aware of the issues and was addressing them. However, when students returned from break on Tuesday, some classrooms were still being heated by portable heaters.

The Whitehall PTA has organized a meeting about the ongoing maintenance problems in local schools for this evening at 7 p.m. at Whitehall Elementary. School officials and representatives of other Bowie schools experiencing similar problems are expected to participate. A member of City staff will also attend.

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