



DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

#### **Prince William County School District**

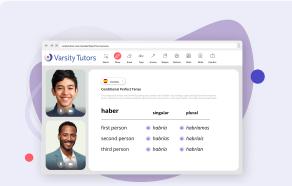
On behalf of the Prince William County School Districts, The Chairman of the Prince William County School Board, Dr. Babur Lateef, has engaged with Varsity Tutors for Schools to deliver high-dosage tutoring in English Language Arts and math to students in grades K-8 during the school day.

The tutoring is designed to help students combat learning loss and improve their reading comprehension and fluency, basic number sense, skills at solving word problems, and overall performance on assessments so that they can demonstrate and exceed grade level performance. Many of the students are English Learners. In addition, all K 12 PWCS students now have access to the Varsity Tutors platform, where they can access a range of resources shown below.

#### **PWCS Statistics**



# **Tutoring Program Overview**



### High-Dosage Tutoring

High-dosage includes **3 or more sessions per week**, with each session lasting **at least 30 minutes.** 



### **Delivery Method**

In this program, individual schools determine which students receive tutoring and whether they receive it in **1:1 tutoring sessions or in groups** of no more than 5 students.



#### Grades Served & Subjects Covered

Both **English Language Arts and Math** tutoring sessions take place during the school day for students grades K-8.



Resources

In addition, all K-12 PWCS students have access to the Varsity Tutors platform, where they can **access a** range of resources like highdosage tutoring, 24/7 chat based tutoring, essay review, ACT/SAT support, live and recorded classes, and much more.



# **Q&A with Dr. Lateef**

We interviewed Dr.Lateef to learn more about his experience in implementing Varsity Tutors for Schools and how his district has seen an increase in student achievement since its adoption.



## How did you first come to learn about Varsity Tutors and what has your experience with Varsity Tutors been like?

Education is always a topic of discussion amongst parents— and when something works well, they want to let everyone know about it. My wife first heard about Varsity Tutors eight years ago through friends. At the time, two of my sons were in high school taking advanced chemistry and biology courses. I am an educator, and my wife is a doctor, but the coursework became so complex we could no longer help them, so we went online to see what Varsity Tutors was all about. My children have worked with several Varsity Tutors educators throughout the past eight years, and every tutor has come prepared to optimize the entire session.

Varsity Tutors knows what is needed to provide an individualized and impactful student support experience—many have tutored the course before, some have masters and several are former educators themselves. My two oldest children are now attending lvy League schools—Varsity Tutors played a pivotal role in them ending up at their respective schools. Varsity Tutors is worth every dollar—the return on your investment is evident.

## How did you first come to learn about Varsity Tutors and what has your experience with Varsity Tutors been like?

Absolutely—the countless studies and results prove it. Varsity Tutors does not just help students in learning loss recovery, it supports students' advancement to their highest academic potential. Varsity Tutors is a win for all parties—students, teachers, and parents.



Countless studies prove that virtual high-dosage tutoring is an effective learning support resource. High-dosage tutoring takes place several times a week in small groups for several consecutive weeks at a time. Chat-based tutoring could not be farther from high-dosage tutoring. Meeting live with a vetted tutor, who is a subject matter expert, several times a week is a complete 180 from students asking questions into a chat box and getting answers from a bot. It is critical educators and parents are on the lookout for misleading advertisements about the type and quality of tutoring a company offers.

#### How do you see students benefiting from tutoring generally?

There's a stigma that tutoring should only be used when a student is struggling, but I don't believe that should be the case—every student can benefit from tutoring. High dosage tutoring is not only proven impactful in supporting students navigating learning loss recovery but also in advancing students to their greatest academic potential. High-dosage tutoring can hardwire information so students remember it for the long term. Tutors can teach students strategies to not just learn for a test, but for the long haul— they are going to need that foundational knowledge for their next course. It's not how well they do on the test, it's how well they learn the material.

#### **About Varsity Tutors for Schools**

Varsity Tutors, the industry leading online tutoring platform trusted by millions of families, launched Varsity Tutors for Schools, aimed at assisting district leaders in delivering 1:1 tutoring and comprehensive learning support. Varsity Tutors has a proven track record of successful collaboration with over 500 K-12 schools and districts, offering three implementation models: District Assigned, Parent Assigned, and Teacher Assigned. Each implementation model includes facilitating high dosage, recurring, face-to-face tutoring in 1:1 or small group settings for any grade or subject, 24/7 on-demand tutoring, essay reviewing, and dedicated support for college admissions and test preparation.

## Varsity Tutors for Schools is offering no-cost access to its leading online learning platform for all school districts through June 30, 2030.

Learn more about how Varsity Tutors' provides tailored educational solutions and partners with K-12 districts at <u>https://www.varsitytutors.com/school-solutions</u>.

