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## **Board Approves Appointment of New Executive Director of Equity**

### ***Superintendent Hamlet Rounds-Out Executive Staff with Appointment of Angela Denyse Allie***

(PITTSBURGH, PA) November 22, 2016 – Tonight the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Angela Denyse Allie to the position of Executive Director, Office of Equity effective November 23rd. The appointment completes Superintendent Anthony Hamlet’s efforts to aggressively fill five Cabinet positions, left vacant due to pre-planned retirements. Last month the Superintendent announced the appointments of Chief Academic Officer Seema Ramji, Chief of School Performance David May-Stein and Chief Human Resources Officer Milton Walters, following the appointment of Deputy Superintendent Anthony Anderson in September.

“With a rich background working as a teacher, administrator and strong leader for equity, I am confident the appointment of Ms. Allie completes the work of forming a transformative leadership team,” said Dr. Hamlet. “She will build on the efforts of her predecessor to reduce the racial disparities that exist in the achievement between our African American and White students.”

The appointment of Ms. Allie to the 16-member cabinet follows an expanded search process to find the best possible candidates. At the direction of Dr. Hamlet, the District’s Human Resources Department reached several thousand school administrators in the Northeast and South through an Education Week e-blast. Nearly 300 applicants applied for the positions. A panel of six administrators, including Dr. Hamlet, then interviewed dozens of those candidates.

### **Executive Director, Office of Equity - Angela Denyse Allie**

As a former English teacher and English Department Chair at Pittsburgh Oliver High School, Angela Denyse Allie collaborated with teachers and administrators in analyzing best practices and individual student data to implement culturally relevant instructional strategies to promote student achievement. For the past five years, she was Principal at Propel Schools’ Andrew Street High School, where she worked closely with teachers to drive student performance and increase parent participation. An advisor for Project HOPE, which helps develop African American male students, she is a past recipient of the Equity Leadership Recognition Award from the Summit for Courageous Conversation and was an inaugural student fellow for the Duquesne Center for Educational Leadership and Social Justice. Allie received her master’s degree in teaching from Hampton University and is completing her pre-doctoral certificate in school leadership at the University of Pittsburgh.

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