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Pittsburgh Public Schools and City of Pittsburgh to Recognize Founding Principal of Pittsburgh CAPA and Pioneer of Arts Education

WHAT: Dr. Harry Clark, founding principal of Pittsburgh CAPA and a longtime pioneer of arts education in Pittsburgh, will be recognized with a special plaque dedication. Pittsburgh CAPA 6-12 senior Asia Rae Smith coordinated the ceremony to honor Dr. Clark and solidify his legacy of impact. As part of the ceremony, Mayor Ed Gainey and Pittsburgh Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Wayne N. Walters will unveil a plaque celebrating Dr. Clark. Prior to the plaque dedication, Dr. Clark will receive a tour of the school with Student Ambassadors and participate in a Q&A session with students.

WHEN: **Tuesday, June 4, 2024**
Plaque Dedication: 12:00 PM

WHERE: Pittsburgh CAPA 6-12
111 9th Street, Pittsburgh PA 15222

WHY: Dr. Harry Clark was the founding principal of Pittsburgh CAPA when the school opened in September 1978 in the former Baxter school building. At that time, high school students attended the magnet school part-time, taking their academic courses at their home school and traveling to CAPA in the afternoon for their arts concentration. The school did not provide full-time instruction until 1983. Since then, Pittsburgh CAPA has grown to serve more than 800 students in grades 6-12 in a state-of-the-art facility located in Downtown Pittsburgh. According to the recent U.S. News Best High Schools rankings, Pittsburgh CAPA has attained the #1 rank among high schools locally.

Members of the media are invited to attend. Photo opportunities available.

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