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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Superintendent Wayne N. Walters' Black Men Read to Close Black History Month Celebrations in Pittsburgh Public Schools**

*Initiative Promotes Literacy While Countering Negative Narratives Related to Black Men*

**Who:** For the last day of Black History Month, Superintendent Wayne N. Walters, Ed.D., will be joined by Black men from across the region for Black Men Read. During PPS Literacy Week, Black Men Read aims to encourage a love of reading and promote literacy among students while countering negative narratives about Black men. More than 100 black men have signed up to read to students in grades K-2 at 35 schools, demonstrating that Black men care about the outcomes and experiences of Pittsburgh's children.

**Who:** Superintendent Wayne N. Walters, Ed.D.  
City of Pittsburgh Mayor, Ed Gainey  
More than 100 Black Men at schools across Pittsburgh Public Schools

**When/Where: Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

Pittsburgh Banksville K-5                      **9:30 AM – 10:00 AM**  
1001 Carnahan Road, Pittsburgh PA 15216

Pittsburgh Beechwood PreK-5      **10:30 AM – 11:00 AM**  
810 Rockland Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15216

**Media invited to attend. Photo opportunities will be available**