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Pittsburgh Oliver Citywide Academy to Continue Remote Learning for the Remainder of the School Year

Last Day of School for Students is Wednesday, June 14th

PITTSBURGH PA June 2, 2023 – As students, staff and families continue to heal following last week's tragedy, Pittsburgh Oliver Citywide Academy will continue remote synchronous teaching and learning for the rest of the school year. Previously scheduled in-person events at the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium and PNC Park will occur as planned. This year's in-person commencement ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, will also take place as planned at the Administration Building in Oakland. Fifth and Eighth Grade promotion ceremonies will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on the last day of school, June 14.

The Pittsburgh Public Schools is committed to caring for the wellness of students and staff impacted by this traumatic event. Due to the unique needs of the students served at Oliver Citywide Academy, all students have individualized counseling support through a unique set of providers. Since the tragedy, additional postvention supports have been provided to students and staff in multiple ways, including:

- Direct support from therapy professionals within the Office of Student Support Services
- In-person and virtual support from HSAO (Human Services Administration Organization)
- Virtual support for OCA and Program for Students with Exceptionalities (PSE) staff through the Center for Victims with targeted support for OCA staff who were first responders to the tragedy.
- Employee Assistance Providers for OCA, PSE, Pittsburgh Arsenal, and Pittsburgh Mifflin staff remain available to anyone who needs them.
- The Trauma Response Team at Neighborhood Resilience Project provided in-person and virtual support to staff, including using therapy dogs.
- Support Animals were at PSE offices and attended the districtwide principals' and assistant principals' meetings this week.

Postvention support aims to provide temporary support to help debrief the trauma and identify the need for more specialized support for those who need it.

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About Pittsburgh Public Schools

The Pittsburgh Public School District is the largest of 43 school districts in Allegheny County and second largest in Pennsylvania. The District serves 20,350 students in pre-kindergarten through graduation. The Pittsburgh Public Schools offers students a variety of options and opportunities that will help them succeed in school and prepare them for whatever comes next in college, career and life.