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Superintendent Delivers Draft Facilities Utilization Plan to the Board

PITTSBURGH, PA March 18, 2024- At the request of the Board of Directors, Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) Superintendent Wayne N. Walters, EdD delivered a preliminary draft of the Facilities Utilization Plan, meeting the March 15 deadline. The comprehensive proposal outlines recommendations for optimizing the use of facilities district-wide to enhance the educational environment for all students. The 50-page proposal moves beyond an administrative exercise of compliance to present a future-oriented blueprint for leveraging the educational spaces within PPS to bolster the learning experience. Anchored in a commitment to community involvement, the plan emphasizes the importance of outreach and consultation with the community to ensure its effectiveness.

“It was paramount to approach the development of the facilities utilization plan in a way that looked beyond the arrangement of facilities to how our District footprint can support system-wide enhancements that improve the educational landscape for our students and families,” said Dr. Wayne Walters. “The plan is additionally rooted in the belief that community outreach is an indispensable part of the process and affirms that any final plan must be created in consultation with the Pittsburgh Public Schools community.”

The Board will now review the draft plan in preparation for the Superintendent’s public presentation during the Board’s Education Committee Meeting scheduled for April 3, following the District’s Spring Break, taking place March 25-29, 2024. The presentation and any relevant supporting documents will be made available immediately after the April 3rd Education Committee meeting.

“This is an important next step as we work with Dr. Walters and his team to modernize our district and fulfill our mission to provide the highest quality and equitable education for our students,” said Board President Gene Walker. “The Board is committed to working alongside the district and community to create a district that works for all at students.”

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