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Superintendent Wayne N. Walters, EdD, Invites Black Men to Ignite Literacy and Empowerment through 'Black Men Read' in Celebration of Black History Month

PITTSBURGH, PA February 28, 2024- Pittsburgh Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Wayne N. Walters, is issuing a heartfelt call to action for Black men across Pittsburgh for the second year of the "Black Men Read". The initiative aims to foster a love for reading and countering negative stereotypes through representation.

Superintendent Wayne N. Walters, EdD, expresses his enthusiasm for the initiative, stating, "Through 'Black Men Read,' we are promoting literacy, rewriting narratives, and uplifting our community's youth. I am grateful to the Black men across Pittsburgh who will join us in this important endeavor as we show our commitment to our children's educational success and empowerment."

Scheduled for tomorrow, **Thursday, February 29**, "Black Men Read" will see local Black male leaders from diverse backgrounds and professions coming together to share their voices and inspire young readers at 35 schools across the District. The event aims to encourage literacy, promote positive role models, and demonstrate to Pittsburgh's children that Black men deeply care about their education and well-being. Participants will read to students in grades K-2 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, bringing stories to life and instilling a passion for learning. **Dr. Walters will read to students at Pittsburgh Grandview at 9:00 AM and Pittsburgh Brookline at 10:00 AM.**

"Black Men Read" serves as a powerful testament to the importance of representation and the transformative impact of mentorship. By actively engaging with young learners, Black men have the opportunity to shape narratives, inspire confidence, and foster a lifelong love for reading.

For more information, please visit <https://www.pghschools.org/blackmenread>.

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