For Immediate Release

Superintendent Mark Roosevelt and Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg to Kick Off Inaugural Year of Pittsburgh’s First University Partnership School

Pittsburgh, August 19, 2008 – On Monday August 25th, Pittsburgh Public Schools Superintendent Mark Roosevelt and University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg will kick off the inaugural year of the city’s first university partnership school with a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. The community is invited to attend the event, which will take place in the 1st floor entry hallway of the Milliones facility, 3117 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15219 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The University of Pittsburgh will collaborate with the District to create a rigorous system of support for students as they advance through their secondary education so that they are prepared to take advantage of The Pittsburgh Promise. This new school, serving students in grades 6-12, will open in the Milliones facility with the 9th grade class on August 28, 2008.

Community Invited to Name New University Prep School at the Milliones Facility

The District is currently seeking community input to name the new school. Beginning now through September 12, 2008, parents, students, staff and community members are invited to submit suggestions for the school’s official legal name. According to the Board’s policy, names may be either geographic, relating to the physical location of the school or of historic significance. The school may also be named after a distinguished individual, living or deceased, who has made an outstanding contribution either in education or to the community where the school is located, the City of Pittsburgh, the County of Allegheny, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or the nation itself.

The community may submit their school name suggestions, along with a brief description of why they have recommended the name, no later than September 12, 2008, as follows:

- Visit the home page of the District’s website at www.pps.k12.pa.us and click on the link, Official Legal Name for University Prep School at the Milliones facility;
- Mail postcard with name and rationale for recommendation to Superintendent’s Office, Pittsburgh Public Schools, 341 S. Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

The Superintendent will submit three selections to the Board’s School Naming Committee. The Naming Committee consists of three Board Members selected by the Board President. The Naming Committee will review the recommendations and make a final recommendation to the full Board for a decision, within 30 days.