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Pittsburgh Oliver Citywide Academy to Continue Instruction and Learning Remotely Until Monday, October 10

School to Implement Gradual Re-entry of Students to Address School-wide Trauma

PITTSBURGH PA October 1, 2022 – Pittsburgh Oliver Citywide Academy will undergo a gradual re-entry process to allow students, staff, and families the time to process grief and trauma following this week's serious incident that resulted in the hospitalization of a staff member. As part of the trauma-informed approach, students will continue with synchronous remote instruction next week. Students in grades 3-8 will return for in-person instruction on Monday, October 10. Students in 11th and 12th grade will return for in-person instruction on Tuesday, October 11, and 9th and 10th graders will return on Wednesday, October 12. As previously scheduled, the school will be closed Friday, October 14, for parent-teacher conferences.

"We send our support and love to the member of our PPS family who endured such unthinkable violence. This recent incident at Pittsburgh Oliver is difficult for us all and especially difficult for a school community still healing from a significant loss," said Superintendent Wayne N. Walters. "It is critical that we give the school team the space and time needed to support the successful return of students potentially re-traumatized by yesterday's event."

Pittsburgh Oliver Citywide Academy is a full-time special education center serving students in grades 3-12, each with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) that drives instructional decisions. Next week, the school's administration will review schedules, systems, and procedures to determine the need for additional safety and support measures. School counselors will contact families to discuss concerns and plans for the return of individual students. Both Employee and Student Assistance services are available for anyone who needs them. Families have been notified regarding the school's phased re-entry plan.

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