

**For Immediate Release** 

## Statement from Pittsburgh Public Schools December 9, 2022

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PITTSBURGH, December 9, 2022 – The District is aware of photos and a video circulating in social media that feature Southern Columbia football players and cheerleaders displaying racial slurs, as well as racially offensive and inappropriate rhetoric. We are greatly dismayed and hurt by the images. This type of egregious and unsportsmanlike behavior is unacceptable. Upon receipt of the images, Pittsburgh Public Schools officials reported the displays to the PIAA for immediate action and investigation and will follow up with an official report in writing.

We are focused on the needs of any student impacted by the images and will be prepared to provide support to students when they return to school on Monday.