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## ***Propel Charter School – Northside Receives Approval from District Charter Review Team***

PITTSBURGH, April 4, 2011– The District’s Charter Review Team has recommended the approval of the new Propel Charter School – Northside. The team presented on the resubmitted charter application at this evening’s Board Committee Meeting. The Board will vote on the Propel Charter School –Northside application at its April 27<sup>th</sup> Legislative Meeting.

“The District’s Charter Review Team is charged to complete a careful and through analysis of all charter applicants. I am confident of the Team’s work and pleased that through this resubmitted application the charter applicant was able to address all of the Team’s original concerns,” said Superintendent Linda S. Lane, Ed.D.

This past February, the District’s Charter Review Team could not recommend the Board approve the charter application stating it lacked a comprehensive curriculum for all grade levels. The application additionally lacked comprehensive long-range goals for all students and did not submit a plan for meeting the individualized needs of students with disabilities in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The resubmitted application provided evidence of the applicant’s comprehensive curriculum, including the submission of curriculum for all subjects. The applicant additionally provided a plan to meet the needs of all students.

The new charter, serving students in grades K-8, is scheduled to open in this fall with grades K-4.

### **About the Review Teams**

Review teams for each charter included: school principals, experts in curriculum and instruction, special education, assessment and accountability as well as budget analysts and architects.

### **The Public Can Obtain More Information**

The findings and recommendations of the District’s Charter Review Team are available by visiting the Pittsburgh Public Schools website at [www.pps.k12.pa.us](http://www.pps.k12.pa.us). A copy also can be obtained by calling the **Parent Hotline at 412-622-7920** or visiting the Division of Communications, Room 204, Pittsburgh Board of Education, 341 South Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

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