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District 6th Graders to Attend Health Science Fair Sponsored by UPMC

PITTSBURGH May 10, 2010 – Next week every District 6th grade student will be given a passport to visit the exciting world of health care careers, courtesy of the 6th Grade Health Science Career Fair sponsored by UPMC. The event, which will host more than 2,000 students, will be held May 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th at the Pittsburgh Gifted Center 1400 Crucible Street, Pittsburgh 15205.

Approximately 200 students will attend one of two sessions held each of the four days. Upon arrival students will meet in the school's conference room for a UPMC welcome and to receive their Career Exploration passports. With their passports, students will travel to three different rooms where UPMC professionals will talk to them about health science careers, including job descriptions and education requirements. At each room the student will receive a stamp for their passport. The morning session will run from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. with lunch from 11:10 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. The afternoon session will run from 11:50 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. with lunch from 12:20 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

This event is particularly significant for these students as the 6th grade is one of the important learning transition years of *Pathways to the Promise*[™] where additional positive reinforcement is provided for students. Along with emphasis on positive behavior, attendance and citizenship, career planning starts in the 6th grade, when students are encouraged to start thinking more seriously about what they might want to be someday and the education they will need to get there.

Pathways to the Promise are the steps taken by the District to ensure that every student is Promise-Ready. These steps include building a culture of excellence and providing programs and initiatives that will reinforce high expectations, promote aspirations for higher education, and ensure that students are on course to be eligible for scholarships awarded through The Pittsburgh Promise®

Media is invited to attend. Photo opportunities available.

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