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## **Upcoming Board Vote to Adjust School Calendars for District 9<sup>th</sup> Graders for 2010-11 and 2011-12 School Years**

### ***Extra Half-Day Added to Start of School Year for District 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students to Ensure Smooth High School Transition***

PITTSBURGH, May 19, 2010 – To ensure the smooth transition of new members of the 9<sup>th</sup> *Grade Nation* the District is proposing adjusting the academic calendar for all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students for the next two school years. The proposed calendar change adds an extra day at the start of the school year for all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and does not change the start date for all other high school students. If approved, 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will benefit from the full attention of staff as they will be the only students in their buildings. Additionally, the calendar change will ensure that all students and families have the opportunity to participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> *Grade Nation Transition Program*. If approved, the first day of school for all 9<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2010-11 school year will be a half day on Wednesday, September 1, 2010. For the start of the 2011-12 school year the first day for 9<sup>th</sup> graders would be a half day on Wednesday, August 31, 2011.

Additionally, the District requested the Board delay the first day of Kindergarten by three days for the next two years. If approved, the first days of school for kindergartners attending a Non-ALA school will be Wednesday, September 8, 2010 for the 2010-11 school year and Wednesday September 7, 2011 for the 2011-12 school year. For ALA kindergartners the first days of school will be Thursday, August 26, 2010 for the 2010-11 school year and Thursday, August 25, 2011 for the 2011-12 school year.

The Board will vote on the adjusted calendar for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and kindergarten students at its Legislative Meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

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