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Board Votes to Adjust School Calendars for 2010-11 and 2011-12 School Years

Transition Day Added to 9th Graders Calendar First Day of Kindergarten Delayed Three Days

PITTSBURGH, May 26, 2010 – An extra half-day has been added to the start of the school year for District 9th Grade students to ensure a smooth transition to high school. In the past, the District's 9th Grade Nation Transition Program was held in the summer. The calendar change integrates activities into the regular school year so that all 9th graders and families have the opportunity to participate in the transition program. The adjusted 9th grade calendar does not affect the start date for all other high school students.

The calendar adjustments for 9th graders are as follows:

- The first day of school 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 will be a half day on Wednesday, August 31, 2011.

In addition to benefiting from the full attention of staff on the first day of school, each school's 9th Grade Nation will participate in the Camp Guyasuta All Day Field Trip. The day will consist of team building activities, Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (C.O.P.E.) ropes course, climbing wall and much more. Camp Guyasuta is the 175-acre facility owned and operated by the Greater Pittsburgh Council of Boy Scouts of America. Dates for the one day field trips will be September 7 -24, 2010.

First Day of Kindergarten Delayed Three Days

The Board voted to delay the first day of Kindergarten by three days for the next two years. The adjustments are as follows:

- The first day 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 day 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.

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In Other Business

Additionally the Board approved the reassignments, effective July 1st, of the following principals to new schools for the 2010-11 school year:

<u><i>Administrator</i></u>	<u><i>Current Assignment</i></u>	<u><i>Assignment 10-11</i></u>
Ms. Holly Ballard	Acting Principal, Pittsburgh King	Acting Principal, Pittsburgh Fort Pitt
Ms. Angel Washington	PELA Resident, Pittsburgh Carrick	Principal on Special Assignment, Pittsburgh Brashear
Mr. Heath Bailey	Principal on Special Assignment, Pittsburgh Allerdice	Principal on Special Assignment, Pittsburgh Westinghouse
Ms. Kim Safran	PELA Resident, Pittsburgh Allerdice	Principal, Pittsburgh Arlington

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