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Pittsburgh Public Schools Adopts 2011 General Fund Budget

District Proposal Holds the Line on Taxes for Tenth Consecutive Year

PITTSBURGH, December 15, 2010 – The Board of School Directors of The Pittsburgh Public Schools adopted the 2011 General Fund Budget tonight that marks a decade of no tax increases for City residents. Due to rising cost associated with employee benefits, special education and transportation, the 2011 budget of \$540.9 million is \$15.5 million more than the 2010 budget, a 2.95% increase.

Recently elected Superintendent effective January 1, 2011, Deputy Superintendent Linda Lane commented on the 2011 General Fund Budget that she will administer.

“We have continued to make the difficult decisions necessary to increase student achievement while reducing costs without raising taxes on City residents. We will reach out to our leaders in Harrisburg to inform them about our progress here in Pittsburgh and the importance of state education funding to our continued success.”

Based on the District’s adopted budget for 2011, the District will need to make up for the projected budget deficit by tapping its Fund Balance. As always, the District will work throughout the year to reduce the deficit.

Major areas of increase are:

Medical	\$3.0 million
Salaries	\$3.7 million
Special Education	\$2.7 million
Transportation	\$2.0 million

Although the District will continue to make cost-saving decisions, anticipated challenges are expected as Federal Stimulus Funds, used by the State to meet the needs of school districts, dry up. While at the same time employee benefits and charter school payments are increasing, the District’s local revenues remain flat.

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2011 General Fund Budget

2011 Expenditures	\$540.9 million
2011 Revenues	\$532.2 million
2011 Operating Deficit	\$ -8.7 million

2011 General Fund Budget – Revenues

Local Sources	\$274.1 million
State Sources	246.4 million
Other Sources	11.7 million
Sub-total Revenues	532.2 million

Total Revenues + \$8.7 million from Fund Balance \$540.9 million

2011 General Fund Budget – Appropriations by Function

Instruction	\$289.7 million
Instructional Support	26.2 million
Support Services	145.4 million
Debt Service	60.2 million
Other Uses	10.4 million
Non-instructional	5.4 million
Facilities	3.6 million
Total Appropriations	\$540.9million

2011 Capital Budget

Major maintenance projects proposed for 2011 include work such as replacement of fire alarm systems, replacement of flooring, HVAC upgrades, and various building / site improvement projects. Additional major capital projects, contributing to the 2011 Capital Budget of \$60,353,918 support the District's initiatives aimed at improving student achievement.

All projects require Board approval for various phases of work related to them. Architects and engineers are approved and then bids are secured for the constructions project, the Board then has to approve the firms recommended to perform the construction work.

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