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Statement from Board President Sherry Hazuda on Superintendent Position at Pittsburgh Public Schools

December 8, 2010

I am pleased to share with you that the Board will bring forward a recommendation to approve Dr. Linda Lane as the next Superintendent of the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

The Board will present the nomination at a special legislative meeting that will be held next Monday, December 13, 2010 at 6:00 PM, prior to the Board's charter school public hearing and regular monthly public hearing.

As you know, the Board has been meeting in Executive Session about this matter since we learned of Mr. Roosevelt's Departure. While I cannot talk about those meetings, I can tell you that it was clear from the beginning that Dr. Lane was the best person for this position. Once we began to consider our options, we knew we had the best candidate all along right here in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Lane is committed to the Board's vision of achieving *Excellence for All*, and she has been instrumental in the success we have seen as a District over the course of the last few years. Among her many contributions, Dr. Lane was a key member of the presentation team that resulted in the District receiving a $40 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She has also been integral to the implementation of our work to empower teachers. She has led the District's effort to close the achievement disparity between white students and African American students.

Further, Dr. Lane began her career in education as a teacher, so she knows intimately what we need to do to support our teachers and ensure that our kids are learning every day. Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Lane has compassion for the well being of all of our kids and truly cares about the success of each and every child in our schools.