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Significantly More District Schools Make AYP in 2010

PITTSBURGH, August 17, 2010 – District schools are on the move as 43 out of 60 (72%) achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) compared to 32 in 2009, 25 in 2008, and 22 in 2007. The District, after achieving AYP for the first time in its history last year, continued to see growth but just missed making AYP this year. The Board was presented a full report at tonight's Education Committee Meeting on the Pittsburgh Public Schools 2010 PSSA exams and AYP.

District schools that achieve AYP have met state and federal targets set under No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) measures individual student growth and determines the level to which school programs enable students to reach Pennsylvania proficiency standards in reading and math. PSSA scores are used to determine a district's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Please see the attached 2010 AYP School Status document for a complete listing of school level AYP information or visit the District's website at www.pps.k12.pa.us and click the 2010 Student Achievement button located on the homepage.

School Choice

According to NCLB, the District must offer students in a school in School Improvement the choice to transfer to another District school, which is not in School Improvement. This year 14 schools were placed in School Improvement. Parents and families at these schools will receive information this week regarding choice options available for students.

SES Tutoring Services

Supplementary Educational Services (SES) is a free tutoring service provided after school, on weekends or during the summer by Pennsylvania Department of Education approved providers. Students who qualify for free or reduced priced lunch at the following schools may be eligible for free tutoring services: Pittsburgh Allderdice High School, Pittsburgh Allegheny 6-8, Pittsburgh Arsenal PreK-5, Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8, Pittsburgh Brashear High School, Pittsburgh Carrick High School, Pittsburgh Faison PreK-8, Pittsburgh Fort Pitt PreK-5, Pittsburgh King PreK-8, Pittsburgh Langley High School, Pittsburgh Lincoln K-8, Pittsburgh Murray PreK-8, Pittsburgh Peabody High School, Pittsburgh Perry High School, Pittsburgh Schaeffer K-8, Pittsburgh Schenley High School, Pittsburgh South Hills 6-8, Pittsburgh Stevens K-8, Pittsburgh Oliver High School, and Pittsburgh Westinghouse High School.

Interested parents/families should contact Tamiya Larkin at (412) 622-3727 for more information.

For More Information

For more information, please visit the Pittsburgh Public Schools website at www.pps.k12.pa.us, call the **Parent Hotline at 412-622-7920** or visit the Division of Communications, Room 203, Pittsburgh Public Schools Administration Building, 341 South Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

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