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School Board Retains Superintendent Roosevelt Through August 2014

Ensures Leadership Stability as District Moves Forward with Key Initiatives

PITTSBURGH, October 21, 2009 – The Board of Directors have entered into a new five-year agreement with Superintendent Mark Roosevelt that runs from August 29, 2009 through August 2014.

Under the new contract the Superintendent maintains the same performance-based compensation schedule as in his original contract. The Superintendent’s salary will continue to provide the opportunity for him to receive a \$10,000 merit increase, which is tied to meeting yearly performance goals, in addition to a \$5,000 automatic yearly increase. The Superintendent’s current salary is \$225,000. If he meets his performance priorities every year, under the new contract, his annual salary could increase to a maximum of \$285,000 for 2013-14.

The contract continues to provide enhanced life insurance and retirement benefits as incentives for the Superintendent to complete his full term with the District.

“Keeping the Superintendent here five more years will provide us the leadership stability that is so important to continuing the progress we are making against our *Excellence for All* goals,” said Board President and Committee Chair of Negotiations, Theresa Colaizzi. “Under his leadership we have seen a growth in student achievement, held the line on taxes while improving the District’s financial situation, and have The Pittsburgh Promise®; a non-needs based scholarship that removes money as a barrier to college for students of the Pittsburgh Public Schools.”

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