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**Pittsburgh Board Approves New Four-Year Contract  
With AFL-CIO Represented Employees at Special Legislative Meeting**

PITTSBURGH, October 15, 2008---Today, at a Special Legislative Meeting, the Board approved a new four-year agreement with the Pittsburgh Building and Construction Trades Council (AFL-CIO), representing approximately 65 tradesmen.

The new contract includes the following provisions:

- 4 year term (Jan 16, 2007 – January 15, 2011)
- First wage adjustment is January 16, 2008
- 3% across-the-board wage increases in years two and three. Year four includes a 2.5% increase.
- Employees who elect to remain in the current Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plan will pay a greater share of the premium calculated in a manner that is based on the total premium cost, and any increases in health care costs from year to year.

The approval of the Building Trades agreement brings the cycle of bargaining to a close. The District now has labor agreements in place with all employee groups through at least June 30, 2010.

“It pleases me that the District and the Building Trades were able to reach an agreement. Now we all can focus on what’s most important, the students we serve” said Theresa Colaizzi, Chair of the Board’s Negotiating Committee.

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