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<u>District Chief Operations Officer Returning Home to</u> Accept Position with Alvord Unified School District

PITTSBURGH December 5, 2008 –Chief Operations Officer (COO), Paul Gill, will leave his position with the Pittsburgh Public Schools to become Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations for the Alvord Unified School District. Mr. Gill joined the District in April. As COO, Mr. Gill is a direct report to the Superintendent and supervises the District's Transportation, Plant Operations, Facilities, Food Service and School Police Divisions. As Alvord's Assistant Superintendent Mr. Gill's responsibilities will expand to include oversight the district's Finance, Purchasing, and Information Technology Departments. Accepting the position with the Alvord Unified School District will allow Mr. Gill to move back to his home in Riverside, California.

"We're very pleased with the work Paul has done for the District," said Superintendent Mark Roosevelt. "In the eight months he's been here he has reorganized the District's Facilities and Plant Operations Divisions, cutting the District's budget by over \$500,000 yearly. We know he will be a great addition to the Alvord School District," concluded Roosevelt.

In addition to overseeing the reorganization of the District's Facilities and Plant Operations Divisions, Mr. Gill spearheaded the transition to an automated work order system to improve efficiencies within the Facilities Division.

Mr. Gill's last day with the District is January 14, 2009.

"When I came to the District it was under one stipulation, if a greater opportunity became available in the Riverside area, and only Riverside, I would take it," said Mr. Gill. "Over the course of my life I have been provided many great opportunities, to serve as Chief Operations Officer for the Pittsburgh Public Schools has certainly been high among them.

Background Mr. Paul F. Gill

Mr. Gill, originally of the McKees Rocks, PA, received a Bachelor of Arts, Education, from Duquesne University, a Masters of Science, Communications/Broadcast Media from Syracuse University and a Masters of Arts, History, from Creighton University. Mr. Gill, a 2007 Broad Superintendent's Academy Fellow, served 23 years with the United States Air Force. As a Colonel with the Air Force Mr. Gill oversaw the operations of March Air Force Base in Riverside, CA. While with the Air Force, Mr. Gill received the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with Eight Oak Leaf Clusters among other awards.

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