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Families Invited to Attend District Financial Aid Nights

***Information Available Regarding FAFSA Completion,
Necessary to Determine Promise Scholarship Dollars***

PITTSBURGH December 10, 2008 – Parents and families of the Pittsburgh Public Schools are invited to attend one of the District’s Financial Aid Nights to learn about the types of federal and state aid available for education after high school.

On December 5, 2007, the District announced a \$100 million commitment by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) to fund *The Pittsburgh Promise*. Students of the Pittsburgh Public Schools 2009 graduating class will have the opportunity to receive a scholarship from *The Promise* that would pay up to \$5,000 each year for up to four years of tuition. Even students who already have scholarships to cover the full cost of tuition may be eligible for a minimum award of up to \$1,000 through *The Promise*.

The Pittsburgh Promise is a “last dollar” scholarship. Prior to receiving a calculation of Promise scholarship dollars, students must first complete a Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA). There are important deadlines for financial aid and some vary depending on the college or university a student plans to attend.

Representatives from the Pittsburgh Public Schools, Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), Negro Educational Emergency Drive (NEED), and colleges will be on hand to speak about The Pittsburgh Promise and the various types of financial aid available to students including grants, loans and work-study.

Pittsburgh Public Schools parents and students may attend any of the Financial Aid Nights listed below.

School	Date	Time – Place
Pittsburgh Langley	December 11, 2008	6:15 p.m., School Library
Pittsburgh Allderdice	December 22, 2008 January 21, 2009	11 th and 12 th graders 12 th graders 6:30 p.m., School Library
Pittsburgh Brashear	January 5, 2009	6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Cafeteria
Pittsburgh Perry	January 7, 2009	6:00 p.m., Cafeteria
Pittsburgh Oliver	January 12, 2009	6:00 – 7:30 p.m., School Library
Pittsburgh Peabody	January 13, 2009 February 10, 2009 March 10, 2009 April 14, 2009	5:30 p.m., School Library
Pittsburgh Carrick	January 15, 2009	7:00 p.m., School Library
Pittsburgh Westinghouse	January 15, 2009	6:00 – 8:00 p.m., School Library
Pittsburgh Schenley	January 22, 2009	6:00 – 8:00 p.m., School Library
Pittsburgh CAPA	January 28, 2009	6:00 p.m., Black Box Theater

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