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**Pittsburgh Minadeo PreK-5 Celebrates 50th Anniversary
With Alumni Walk-Through and Tribute Event**

PITTSBURGH, October 1, 2007 - Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, Senator Jay Costa and State Representative Dan Frankel (class of 1968) will be on hand as Pittsburgh Minadeo PreK-5 celebrates its 50th Anniversary with a special Alumni Walk-Through and Tribute Event on Thursday, November 8, 2007 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Pittsburgh Minadeo PreK-5 is located at 6502 Lilac Street, in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

Alumni and friends are invited to take a walk down memory lane as teachers, staff and current parents provide an on-hand guide through the school and classrooms. Following the open house, a brief ceremony will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium to dedicate a 50th anniversary commemorative plaque celebrating the schools opening in February 1957. Funds for the plaque are being raised by current Pittsburgh Minadeo students participating in a "Pennies for the Plaque" campaign. School and community leaders will be on hand to provide remarks in observance of this historic occasion.

Activities have been planned throughout the fall to celebrate Pittsburgh Minadeo's 50th Anniversary. Current students will study the school rich history throughout the fall months.

Alumni are encouraged to visit the school website at <http://minadeoes.pghboe.net/> or contact Judy Ermlick at jermlick1@pghboe.net to learn more about the November 8th event and to sign up to be part of a new alumni directory.

Pittsburgh Minadeo PreK-5

Pittsburgh Minadeo PreK-5, located at 6502 Lilac Street, in the Squirrel Hill section of the city of Pittsburgh, is a Pre K-5 school in the Pittsburgh School District. Minadeo opened in February 1957 to replace the nearby Roosevelt School on Murray Avenue in Greenfield (on the site of the Giant Eagle at Murray and Lilac.) The new school building was named for a junior high school safety patrol officer who sacrificed his own life to save his fellow students from a run-away truck in 1954. Minadeo absorbed the Roosevelt students and some students from the Colfax feeder pattern. In 1994, a new wing of the school opened.

Currently, Pittsburgh Minadeo serves approximately 570 students from the Squirrel Hill, Greenfield, Hazelwood, Homewood, and Point Breeze neighborhoods. Minadeo is known for its active parent community, its ethnic and racial diversity, extensive extracurricular programming and high academic achievement.

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