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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **District Celebrates STAR Schools November 19, 2012**

**WHAT:** On the heels of her State of the District conversation with the community, Superintendent Linda S. Lane will celebrate 10 District schools for achieving extraordinary academic growth as averaged over the past two years. STAR stands for Students and Teachers Achieving Results and is a new rewards and recognition program in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. STAR awards school staff for making great gains in student achievement.

This Monday eight schools will be recognized for ranking among the top 25% of all other Pennsylvania schools based upon student growth. Additionally, the District's three special schools will receive recognition based on meeting approved STAR student outcome criteria based on their student populations. Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers (PFT) represented staff at STAR schools will each receive up to \$6,000 in compensation. The STAR award is funded in large part by a grant by the federal grant Teachers Incentive Fund.

Superintendent Lane will announce the District's STAR recipients during a very special STAR celebration.

**WHEN:** Monday, **November 19, 2012**  
8:55 a.m. – 9:30

**WHERE:** Pittsburgh Dilworth PreK-5  
6200 Stanton Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

**Media is invited to attend this event.  
Photo opportunities will be available.**

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