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Board Action Ensures School Leaders in Place for Start for 2014-15 School Year

PITTSBURGH July 16, 2014- At the request of Superintendent Linda Lane, the Board approved two new principal appointments and one transfer. The Board approved the moves at a Special Legislative Meeting held this evening to ensure school leaders are in place for the start of the 2014-15 school year. All three principal moves will be effective July 17, 2014.

Ms. Karen Arnold Appointed Principal of Pittsburgh Fulton PreK-5

Karen Arnold has been appointed Principal of Pittsburgh Fulton PreK-5. Prior to this evening's Appointment, Ms. Arnold served as a Learning Environment Specialist at Pittsburgh King K-8, located on the city's Northside. In her role as the school's Learning Environment Specialist, Ms. Arnold worked to provide support to school staff to improve the delivery of curriculum and ensure the school's goals for a positive teaching and learning environment are being met.

Ms. Arnold joined the District in 1999 as an English teacher at the former Langley High School. In 2010 she was named Responsible Teacher at the school, taking the lead on the Behavior Intervention Team and Discipline Committee and in charge when the school's principal was out. Ms. Arnold began her role as Learning Environment Specialist at Langley during the 2011-12 school year.

Dr. Russell Patterson Appointed Principal of Pittsburgh Faison K-5

Dr. Russell Patterson will transition from his position of Interim Principal of Pittsburgh Faison to Principal. Dr. Patterson has been serving the children of Homewood since his arrival to Pittsburgh Public Schools in 2002 as an Early Learning Skills Teacher at Pittsburgh Lincoln K-8. From 2006-2011, Dr. Patterson was a third grade teacher at the Lincoln and served as the school's Instructional Teacher Leader. Dr. Patterson became Assistant Principal of Pittsburgh Faison in January 2013.

Mrs. Jamie Kinzel-Nath Appointed Principal of Pittsburgh Colfax K-8

Mrs. Jamie Kinzel-Nath will transition from her current position as Principal of Pittsburgh Montessori to Principal of Pittsburgh Colfax. Recently appointed Principal of Montessori, Mrs. Kinzel-Nath served as Acting Principal of Pittsburgh Morrow. Prior to serving as Acting Principal at Pittsburgh Montessori, Mrs. Kinzel-Nath served as Acting Principal of Pittsburgh Morrow. Mrs. Kinzel-Nath joined the District in August 2001.

Pittsburgh Montessori Teacher Kellie Meyer will be the Responsible Teacher in Charge at the school until a new principal is named.

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