

**For Immediate Release**

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## **Public Asked to Submit Comment on School Improvement Plans**

Pittsburgh PA, May 28, 2015- The District is seeking public comment related to revised school improvement plans for sixteen schools. All District schools, except for Pittsburgh CAPA are Title I schools. Title I schools may be designated as Reward: High Achievement (Top 5% in State), Reward: High Progress (Top 5% Growth), Focus (Lowest 10% State), Priority (Lowest 5% State) or no designation based on 2014 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) and/or Keystone exam results. Focus and Priority schools must revise and submit a school improvement plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by June 30, 2015.

One District school, Pittsburgh Allderdice was designated *Reward- High Achievement*, and four schools were designated as *Reward-High Progress*: Pittsburgh Beechwood PreK-5, Pittsburgh Schiller 6-8, Pittsburgh Sterrett 6-8 and Pittsburgh Sunnyside PreK-8. Twenty-eight schools received no designation, meaning they are not in top 5% nor the lowest 10% of Title I schools.

Eleven schools received a *Focus* designation: Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8, Pittsburgh Arsenal PreK-5, Pittsburgh Carrick High School, Pittsburgh Langley K-8, Pittsburgh Lincoln PreK-5, Pittsburgh Miller PreK-5, Pittsburgh Milliones 6-12, Pittsburgh Montessori PreK-5, Pittsburgh Morrow PreK-7, Pittsburgh Spring Hill K-5 and Pittsburgh Woolslair. All five of the District's schools awarded a School Improvement Grant – Pittsburgh Brashear, Pittsburgh Faison, Pittsburgh King, Pittsburgh Perry and Pittsburgh Westinghouse received the automatic Priority designation. For more information about Title I Designations visit <http://www.pps.k12.pa.us/Page/4110>.

School improvement plans for the District's Focus and Priority schools outline goals and strategies that will be implemented during the 2015-16 school year. Prior to submission of the plans, the school plans will be available on the District's website for a public review and comment period until June 25, 2015. All stakeholders are encouraged to review the proposed plans and submit feedback by completing a survey available online at <http://www.pps.k12.pa.us/SIPlans>. Parents may also email their school's principal. Comments may also be submitted by:

- Submitting an e-mail to [title1@pghboe.net](mailto:title1@pghboe.net);
- Signing up to speak at the Board Public Hearing
- Submitting comments via U.S. Mail to:  
School District of Pittsburgh  
Attention: Title Programs Office  
341 S. Bellefield Avenue, Room 436  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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