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Preliminary 2016 Budget for the Pittsburgh Public Schools Now Available Online

PITTSBURGH, November 10, 2015- The Preliminary 2016 Budget for the Pittsburgh Public Schools is available for review online. Today the Pittsburgh Public Schools released the Preliminary 2016 Budget to the Board and public. Previewed with the Board on November 2nd, the 2016 Preliminary General Fund Budget of \$567.9 million represents an increase of 2.0 percent from the adopted 2015 General Fund Budget. The preliminary budget includes an operating deficit of \$21.8 million, \$5.1 million less than in 2015. The preliminary budget adheres to the Board's minimum 5 percent fund balance policy. The preliminary 2015 General Fund Budget does not include a tax increase.

“Due to increased Earned Income Tax revenue and decreases in salaries, medical insurance, and debt service expenditures, we are projected to end the current year with an operating surplus of \$0.9 million,” said Chief Operations Officer, Ronald Joseph. “Even though our projected budget for 2016 includes an operating deficit of \$21.8 million, \$5.1 million less than in 2015, we will continue to work throughout the year to find ways to reduce our operating budget.”

The Board is expected to adopt the 2016 General Fund Budget at its December 16th Legislative Meeting. The 2015 Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for 12:00 noon December 7th at the Administration Building located in Oakland at 341 South Bellefield Avenue in Conference Room A.

Continuing with its cost-effective efforts, the District's Preliminary 2016 budget documents are available currently on our website on the Budget Development page at:

<http://www.pps.k12.pa.us/Budget>

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A hard copy of the budget materials is available to media upon request to Ebony Pugh at (412) 529-3616 or epugh1@pghboe.net.

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