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District to Recognize 2016 STAR Schools with Weeklong Celebration

PITTSBURGH, February 19, 2016- Next week Superintendent Linda Lane, Board Members, Assistant Superintendents and representatives from the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers (PFT) will join staff and students at seven schools to celebrate their extraordinary academic growth. STAR stands for Students and Teachers Achieving Results and is a rewards and recognition program in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. STAR awards school staff for making great gains in student achievement.

Beginning Monday, four schools (Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8, Faison PreK-5, Lincoln PreK-5 and WoolslairPreK-5) will be recognized for ranking among the top 25 percent of all other Pennsylvania schools based upon student growth, as averaged over two years. This is the second year in a row the four schools will receive STAR recognition. Additionally, three of the District's special schools (Pittsburgh Conroy, Pittsburgh Student Achievement Center and Pittsburgh Pioneer) will receive recognition based on meeting STAR student outcome criteria based on each school's student population.

Pittsburgh Federation of Teacher (PFT) represented staff at STAR schools will receive up to \$6,000 in compensation.

Next week, each STAR school will hold a special event to recognize students and staff. Please see a complete schedule on the following page:

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Date	STAR School	Time	Speakers
Monday February 22, 2016	Pittsburgh Lincoln 328 Lincoln Avenue, 15206	9AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison Huguley, PPS Assistant Superintendent Nina Esposito-Visgitis, PFT President Sylvia Wilson, PPS Board First Vice President
Tuesday February 23, 2016	Pittsburgh Conroy 1398 Page Street, 15233	7:50AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David May-Stein, PPS Assistant Superintendent Nina Esposito-Visgitis, PFT President
Tuesday February 23, 2016	Pittsburgh Woolslair 501 40 th Street, 15224	1:30PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Regina Holley, PPS Board President Nina Esposito-Visgitis, PFT President
Wednesday February 24, 2016	Pittsburgh Student Achievement Center 925 Bruston Avenue, 15208	9:30AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Linda Lane, PPS Superintendent Nina Esposito-Visgitis, PFT President Sylvia Wilson, PPS Board First Vice President
Thursday February 25, 2016	Pittsburgh Pioneer 775 Dunster Street, 15226	1PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David May-Stein, PPS Assistant Superintendent Harold Grant, PFT Representative Sylvia Wilson PPS Board First Vice President Cindy Falls, PPS Board Member Moira Kaleida, PPS Board Member
Friday February 26, 2016	Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8 110 40 th Street, 15201	9AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Linda Lane, PPS Superintendent Nina Esposito-Visgitis, PFT President Sylvia Wilson, PPS Board First Vice President
Friday February 26, 2016	Pittsburgh Faison PreK-5 7430 Tioga Street, 15208	11AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison Huguley, PPS Assistant Superintendent Nina Esposito-Visgitis, PFT President Sylvia Wilson, PPS Board First Vice President

**Media is invited to any of the events listed above.
Photo and interview opportunities will be available.**

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