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Deputy Superintendent and Chief of School Performance Set to Retire

PITTSBURGH, January 27, 2016 – This evening the Board approved the retirements of Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Donna Micheaux and Chief of School Performance, Dr. Connie Sims when contracts for both expire June 30, 2016.

“I am eternally grateful to both Dr. Micheaux and Dr. Sims for responding to my call to add their combined 92 years of experience to our leadership team,” said Superintendent Linda Lane. “Because of their work over these past two years we have instituted our principal network model that improves central office support to schools, as well as completed a comprehensive audit of our curriculum and now have a theory of action for teaching and learning that we know will have a positive impact on both teacher practice and student outcomes for years to come.”

As Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Micheaux reports directly to the Superintendent and supervises the offices of School Performance, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Early Childhood, Professional Development, Instructional Technology, Research, and Accountability. She has maintained a keen focus on creating a robust professional learning system designed to improve teaching, learning and leadership. Shortly after her appointment, Dr. Micheaux recommended a deep dive into the District’s curricular tools, instructional strategies and assessments.

“I started my career in the Pittsburgh Public Schools in 1977. To come full circle to serve in a leadership position has been a wonderful experience for me,” said Dr. Micheaux. “I look forward to spending more time with my family, while also providing educational consulting services aimed at creating school systems that educate all children well.”

As Chief of School Performance, Dr. Sims reported directly to the Deputy Superintendent and supervises the offices School Performance, Student Support Services, Special Education and Career and Technical Education. Prior to accepting her current role with the District, Dr. Sims served as a consultant working with the District and Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers to shape RISE, the District’s highly regarded teacher evaluation process.

“It has been such a pleasure to serve the students of the Pittsburgh Public Schools,” said Dr. Sims. “After 54 years in education I think it’s time I take time to enjoy my family, particularly my grandchildren.”

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In Other Business

Board Accepts Funds to Support Transition Activities for Wilkinsburg and Westinghouse Students

Pittsburgh Public Schools will receive \$975,000 from the Wilkinsburg/Pittsburgh Transition Fund to support the smooth transition of Wilkinsburg and Pittsburgh Westinghouse students. The Board voted to accept the funds from the Wilkinsburg School District this evening. Last October, Boards of both the Wilkinsburg School District and Pittsburgh Public Schools approved a Letter of Intent, creating a cross-district partnership that assigns Wilkinsburg's secondary students (7-12) to Pittsburgh Westinghouse 6-12 for the start of the 2016-2017 school year. The District will submit monthly reconciliation statements to Wilkinsburg to account for all expenditures related to the Partnership.

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