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Board Approves New Four-Year Agreement with Teachers Union
Makes Way for the Return of All Students Five Days a Week

PITTSBURGH August 25, 2021 – This evening, the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Public Schools approved a new collective bargaining agreement with the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers (PFT) teachers and other professionals. The four-year contract, ratified by the PFT membership this past Monday, is for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2024. Superintendent Anthony Hamlet shared the statement below at this evening's Legislative Meeting.

This week was a big deal for our District. Most of you know, but many of the public may not understand the amount of resources, time, and effort that goes into negotiating our collective bargaining agreement with the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers. Many may not even know what a collective bargaining agreement is.

What I can share is that this process is long and delicate, to say the least, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic did not help in moving the process along effortlessly.

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With all of the challenges that have been brought before the District over the past year due to the pandemic, it was our teachers who kept pushing and fighting for our students. I am proud that we reached an agreement that honors our teacher's professionalism and commitment to this District and our students.

This approved agreement also allows the District to implement the return of students for in-person instruction five days a week. This approval will also help our District immediately address and implement the multi-tiered bussing schedule that will increase the number of routes one bus driver can make and narrow our seat gap challenges.

Thank you, and congratulations to you all for getting this done. I am truly grateful to these invaluable staff members and hopeful for the upcoming school year.

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