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## Board Establishes Stakeholder Engagement Process for District Use of ESSER III Funds

PITTSBURGH PA May 26, 2021 – With more than \$100 million slated to support the long-term work of education recovery in Pittsburgh Public Schools through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds III (ESSER), the Board of Directors and Superintendent Anthony Hamlet both agree the work ahead will require the collective engagement of the community. This evening, the Board took action to approve a resolution that establishes a 21-member ad-hoc Public Stakeholder Advisory Committee to provide recommendations on initiatives aligned to ESSER III guidelines, hold public engagement forums, and give feedback to the District on the plan to be submitted to the Board for approval in September.

“Funding through ESSER III provides us the opportunity to reverse learning loss and significantly change the life trajectory of our students altered by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Superintendent Anthony Hamlet, Ed.D. “The administration has been committed to engaging stakeholders in our work. This committee will complement our efforts to make transformational change through deep collaboration, intensely focused on the needs of those in our schools, who engage with students and families daily.”

Per this evening’s resolution, the Public Stakeholder Advisory Committee will include representation from various stakeholder groups, including:

- Nine members selected by the Board of Directors, each choosing a current parent of a PPS student, representing their District;
- Four members to be appointed by the Superintendent from both the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers and Pittsburgh Administrators Association (with each group selecting two members);
- Five members selected by the Superintendent from among the following internal district stakeholder groups, including but not limited to the following: Student Advisory Council, Homeless Education, Early Childhood Advisory Council, Local Task Force, and/or Equity Advisory Panel;
- Three members of the Board of Directors to be appointed by the Board President, one of which will include the Chair of the Business/Finance Committee; and
- A chair of the committee appointed by the Board President from among the parent representatives.

In addition to the work of the Public Stakeholder Advisory Committee, the District’s extensive community engagement process will begin next month with teachers, school leaders and school-



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based staff. It is anticipated that a proposal will be presented to the Board this August for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education in September for approval.