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Dear Pittsburgh Public Schools Families:

I hope this message finds you well. This week, Education Resource Strategies (ERS), an independent consultant working closely with the District, presented a base scenario for reimagining our school portfolio. This scenario, shared at the latest Board Education Committee Meeting, outlines significant changes that may affect many of our schools, including closures, consolidations, and the introduction of new programs and facilities.

The ERS recommendations propose streamlining the number of schools from 54 to 40, with key changes including:

- Consolidating schools with low enrollment and transitioning to new grade configurations (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12).
- Expanding specialized programs and creating new opportunities such as Teacher Centers to create dedicated spaces for teachers to refine their instructional practices.
- Phasing out and opening new schools and programs to better serve our students' needs.

While these proposals offer a vision for the future, I want to emphasize that they are not final. The recommendations presented are part of an ongoing process that includes further community engagement. This means that your voice will continue to play a crucial role in shaping the final plan.

Over the next few weeks, there will be additional opportunities to provide feedback and share your thoughts on the proposed changes. The final recommendations, informed by this feedback, will be presented to the Board for consideration next month.

These recommendations will not impact the 2024-2025 school year.

We understand that these potential changes may raise concerns and questions. Please know that the District is committed to a thoughtful and transparent process that prioritizes the needs and well-being of our students and families. For more detailed information about the proposals and to find out how you can participate in the discussion, please visit www.pghschools.org/facilitiesuplan.

I cannot do this work alone. But, together, we will work to ensure that any changes made will benefit all of our students and set them up for success in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne N. Walters', written in a cursive style.

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