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## Pittsburgh Public Schools Facilities Utilization Family and Community Survey Closes Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

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## Board to Review Starter Scenarios Shaped by Community Input at Education Committee Meeting August 13<sup>th</sup>

PITTSBURGH, August 1, 2024 – Pittsburgh families and taxpayers still have time to share their desired experience for students at the Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS). A Facilities Utilization Family and Community Survey will close on the evening of Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The survey marks the conclusion of more than two months of community engagement, including 11 Board Town Halls, student focus groups, teacher surveys and more, aimed at gathering public input on the recommendations shared within the District's Facilities Utilization Plan. The draft plan offers a future-oriented blueprint to leverage educational spaces within the District and address challenges with student outcomes and experiences.

"We urge all Pittsburgh families to take this opportunity to share their vision for student experiences within Pittsburgh Public Schools," said Board President Gene Walker. "The Board will be asked to make some tough decisions ahead, and the input of all PPS constituents is vital as we seek to transform education in our city."

The community input will inform a set of scenarios being developed by District consultant Education Resource Strategies, Inc. (ERS) to optimize the use of educational facilities districtwide. ERS will share these scenarios with the Board at its August 13<sup>th</sup> Education Committee Meeting, beginning at 5:30 PM at the Administration Building in Oakland. The meeting will also stream live on the District's website and Facebook page. The Board will be the first to learn about the scenarios which will inform a second round of community engagement that will lead to a final recommendation to the Board next month.

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