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Dear Pittsburgh Public Schools Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff are our top priorities. We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

Due to the forecasted extreme heat on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, PPS schools without air conditioning will operate on a half-day schedule. This decision is part of our Extreme Heat Protocol, which is designed to protect against heat-related illnesses.

We recognize that while temperatures on Tuesday may also be high, it is essential for the District to ensure all students receive their back-to-school materials and devices on Tuesday. On Wednesday, temperatures are expected to rise significantly in the afternoon, with the National Weather Service predicting outside temperatures reaching or exceeding 85°F and a heat index of 90°F or higher. Given these conditions, we have decided to implement the half-day schedule on Wednesday to ensure the well-being of our students and staff.

This is a one-time adjustment to support the critical needs of our back-to-school activities, including new enrollments and ensuring all students are equipped for the new school year. We will continue to monitor weather conditions closely and will communicate any further actions as early as possible to minimize disruptions for our students, families, and staff.

Below is a list of the buildings that will be affected by this early dismissal.

Allerdice	Grandview	Roosevelt ECC
Arsenal (PreK-5 and 6-8)	Greenfield	Schiller
Banksville	Liberty	Science and Technology
Beechwood	Lincoln	Spring Garden
Brookline	Linden	Spring Hill
Carrick	Manchester	Sterrett
Chartiers	Mifflin	Student Achievement Center
Clayton (including OCA Satellite Site)	Miller	Weil
Colfax	Montessori	Westinghouse
Concord	Morrow (Intermediate Building)	Whittier
Crescent	Morrow (Primary Building)	Woolslair
Dilworth	Northview Heights Early Childhood Center	
Fulton	Perry (including OCA Satellite Site)	

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to ensure a safe start to the school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's school. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wayne N. Walters
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