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Dear PPS Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits as we enter this season of gratitude. **I am pleased to announce that there will be no school changes recommended for the 2025-2026 school year.** This decision allows us the necessary time to conduct a thorough review of recent recommendations provided by Education Resource Strategies (ERS), who have proposed a range of ideas around facility use, grade configurations, school consolidations, and program enhancements.

Our goal is to ensure that any potential changes are in the best interest of our students, families, and the entire Pittsburgh community.

While the need for change is critical to ensuring equitable access to high-quality education across our district, we want to take a measured approach. The Leadership Team and I are conducting an in-depth feasibility study to assess these recommendations fully, and we expect a complete report early next year to guide future planning. This study includes reviewing educational support needs, transportation, attendance zones, and other important factors that affect our schools.

We are committed to transparency and stability in this process and will continue to engage with families and stakeholders to ensure that any future decisions reflect the community's needs.

Additionally, I am excited to share that we will host our annual Magnet Fair on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at Pittsburgh Obama (515 N. Highland Avenue, 15206) from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This event is a valuable opportunity for current and prospective families to explore our magnet programs, Career and Technical Education (CTE), and Early Childhood Education options.

The Magnet Lottery Application period will open on Monday, December 9, and will close on Friday, January 17, 2025, at 5:00 PM. After this deadline, applications will be accepted for programs with open seats. Families interested in enrolling in their neighborhood schools can register online at www.pghschools.org/enroll beginning Monday, December 2, 2024.

As leadership continues to review feasibility and phased implementation, the District cannot guarantee that students enrolled or accepted into a magnet school will be able to remain beyond the 2025-2026 school year.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to provide the highest quality education for our students.

Yours in Education,

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