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## **Pittsburgh Perry Students Continue Remote Learning Thursday as Staff Return to the Building *Classes to Resume In-Person Friday***

PITTSBURGH PA December 18, 2024 – Pittsburgh Perry High School will implement a phased reentry plan for staff and students following Tuesday’s incident involving gunfire off school grounds, which disrupted the school day and caused damage to school property. Swift safety measures were implemented to protect students and staff. To prioritize staff well-being and ensure a smooth transition back to in-person learning, all students will participate in synchronous remote instruction from home on Thursday, December 19, as staff return to the building. In-person instruction will resume for all students on Friday, December 20.

“We are deeply grateful for the swift and coordinated efforts of school administrators, community partners, School Police, and local law enforcement, who worked diligently to secure Pittsburgh Perry and address the threat to our community,” said Superintendent Wayne N. Walters, EdD. “As we move forward, our focus remains on a trauma-informed reentry approach that prioritizes the emotional and psychological needs of our students and staff following such a distressing event.”

### **Supporting a Safe and Thoughtful Reentry**

Families and staff have been informed about the reentry plan. To ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in the school community, Central Office administrators are collaborating closely with Pittsburgh Perry leadership, community violence-prevention partners, School Safety, and City law enforcement. Together, they are implementing comprehensive measures to support students and staff as they return to the building. Windows damaged in yesterday’s incident have been quickly replaced.

The District remains committed to fostering a safe and supportive learning environment and will continue to provide resources to help students and staff process the event and reestablish a sense of normalcy.

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