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## Pittsburgh Public Schools Wins Pocketalk's Youth Changemaker Award

*Part of Pocketalk's second annual Impact Awards, this recognition highlights Pittsburgh Public Schools commitment to breaking down language barriers*

**Pittsburgh, PA, December 12, 2024** — Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) is proud to announce its recognition as a recipient of Pocketalk's Youth Changemaker award. This honor highlights PPS's ongoing efforts to foster inclusivity by breaking down language barriers within the school community.

Under the leadership of Chief Technology Officer Mark Stuckey, the PPS Technology Division has taken significant steps to ensure all students and families feel included and supported. One of the most impactful initiatives this year has been the introduction of Pocketalk devices. These portable translation tools are revolutionizing communication by bridging the gap between non-English-speaking students, their peers, and school staff. Additionally, these devices empower parents and guardians to engage more effectively with educators, keeping them informed about their children's academic progress.



The rollout of over 500 Pocketalk devices during the current school year has made a profound difference, ensuring that language is no longer a barrier to meaningful engagement. By leveraging this innovative technology, PPS is fostering an environment where every family feels heard and valued. This commitment to inclusive communication strengthens the school community and ensures that all students have the opportunity to succeed.

“Pittsburgh Public Schools has exemplified precisely what it means to be a Youth Changemaker over the past year,” exclaims Joe Miller, Pocketalk's General Manager of North America. “We're honored to work so closely with PPS to eliminate language barriers and create a more inclusive and accessible world.”

To see the impact of Pocketalk devices firsthand, [watch how they are making a difference at Pittsburgh Beechwood](#).