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Pittsburgh Public Schools Demonstrates Transparency and Responsiveness in Right-to-Know Process

PITTSBURGH, PA, March 27, 2026— Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) has formally submitted its response to a recent determination by the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records (OOR), reinforcing the District’s commitment to transparency, accountability, and student-centered decision-making.

“Our focus is, and always will be, on creating the best possible learning environments and experiences for our students,” said Superintendent Dr. Wayne N. Walters. “At the same time, we are committed to being transparent with our community. This response reflects both of those priorities, ensuring the public has access to information while we continue planning for stronger academic outcomes and more equitable opportunities for all students.”

The response addresses multiple Right-to-Know (RTK) requests related to the District’s proposed Future-Ready Facilities Plan. The plan is designed to expand access to high-quality programming and create a more consistent student experience by aligning the District’s footprint with student enrollment, ensuring the equitable distribution of resources across schools.

As outlined in recent filings, PPS conducted a comprehensive, good-faith review of all requested materials and produced a broad set of responsive records, including financial planning, staffing projections, enrollment data, transportation considerations, and implementation planning.

The District’s response did not introduce new information. Rather, it provided the underlying source materials used to develop the District’s public-facing documentation and communications related to the Future-Ready Facilities Plan, including:

- Financial and capital plans aligned to improving learning environments
- Enrollment data used to better align resources with student needs
- Staffing and programmatic planning to expand access to courses and enrichment opportunities
- Transportation and access considerations to support safe and equitable student experiences
- Public materials available through the District’s [Future Ready Dashboard](#)

“The District is providing this unprecedented volume of information consistent with the Order of the Office of Open Records,” said Pittsburgh Public Schools Solicitor Ira Weiss. “We believe this exceeds the requirements of the Open Records Law consistent with the effort of the District to provide the highest level of transparency possible.”



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In addition to producing records within the requested timeframe, the District also included relevant materials outside of the specified dates when appropriate, further demonstrating its commitment to full transparency and public understanding.

The District clarified that some requested records do not exist or are not yet developed, particularly in areas tied to a plan that has not been formally approved by the Board of Directors. In those instances, sworn affidavits were provided in accordance with RTK law.

PPS also emphasized that the Future-Ready Plan is still under consideration and that many elements reflect ongoing, evolving work. Data such as enrollment projections, staffing models, and transportation analyses represent a snapshot in time and will continue to be refined as planning progresses.

“This work is about more than buildings. It is about creating consistent, high-quality educational experiences for every student, in every neighborhood,” Dr. Walters added. “We remain committed to engaging our community, sharing information openly, and ensuring that our decisions lead to stronger outcomes for students.”

The fillings and supporting information are available for download on the District’s website at www.pghschools.org/about/future-ready-dashboard/future-ready-rtk-response.

The District will continue to provide updates as the Future-Ready planning process moves forward.

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