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Pittsburgh Public Schools Releases Future-Ready Plan Department Milestones Dashboard

New resource provides quarterly updates on key implementation milestones across District departments

PITTSBURGH, PA October 1, 2026— Pittsburgh Public Schools today announced the release of its [Future-Ready Plan Department Milestones Dashboard](#), a new public resource designed to provide families, staff, Board members, and the broader community with a clear view of the District’s progress implementing the Board-approved Future-Ready Plan.

Available on the District’s [Future-Ready Dashboard website](#), the Department Milestones Dashboard identifies significant activities, decisions, deliverables, and points of progress across the departments and workstreams responsible for bringing the Future-Ready Plan from planning to implementation.

“Approval of the Future-Ready Plan was an important milestone, but it also marked the beginning of the detailed work required to bring the plan to life,” said Superintendent Wayne N. Walters, Ed.D. “This dashboard gives our families, staff, Board, and community another way to see that work unfold, understand what is happening across the District, and track our progress as we prepare for the transitions ahead.”

While the milestones document begins its forward-looking timeline in September 2026, implementation work has been underway since the Board approved the Future-Ready Plan on May 27. During the summer, District teams began translating the approved plan into the staffing, academic, operational, financial, facilities, enrollment, transportation, student support, engagement, and communication structures necessary for implementation.

That foundational work included cross-functional staffing and workforce planning; development of school-based budget tools and staffing models; planning for Gifted and special education programming; the Northview Elementary feasibility study; development of educational specifications for specialty learning spaces; preliminary transportation simulations and bell-time analysis; development of enrollment and student transition processes; and extensive family and community communications.

The District also began developing processes for the 2027–2028 magnet application and student transitions, selected and trained its inaugural class of PPS Parent Ambassadors, and launched communications efforts to help families understand the changes ahead.



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The Department Milestones Dashboard builds on that work by providing a high-level roadmap of significant implementation markers. It is intended to show major points of progress rather than serve as a comprehensive list of every task occurring within each department. Each milestone is supported by numerous activities, dependencies, and operational decisions managed by District teams.

The District will update the Department Milestones Dashboard quarterly, allowing the public to follow progress over time and see which milestones have been completed, which are underway, and what work is coming next.

The dashboard complements the District's commitment to quarterly Future-Ready implementation reporting and is part of a broader effort to provide transparent, accessible information throughout implementation.

“Our commitment is not simply to implement the Future-Ready Plan, but to make the implementation process visible,” said Dr. Walters. “Families and staff should be able to understand where we are, what comes next, and how the many pieces of this work connect. This dashboard is another tool for ensuring that accountability and transparency remain central throughout implementation.”

The Future-Ready Plan is a comprehensive strategy to better align the District's academic programming, staffing, transportation, resources and facilities around a more consistent and equitable student experience. The Board approved the plan on May 27, 2026, with major school and program transitions beginning in the 2027–28 school year.

The **Future-Ready Plan Department Milestones Dashboard** is available on the District's Future-Ready Dashboard website at www.pghschools.org/futurepps

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