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**DR. LINDA LANE, SUPERINTENDENT OF PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
RECEIVES PROCLAMATION IN CITY COUNCIL TODAY**

Pittsburgh, PA – Councilman Patrick Dowd will honor Dr. Linda Lane with a City Council proclamation today declaring February 1, 2011 “Dr. Linda Lane Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Lane was named Superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools at a Special Legislative Meeting on December 13, 2010 and took the office January 1, 2011. That action makes Dr. Lane the first African-American woman to be named permanent Superintendent of the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Dr. Lane began her career as an elementary teacher in the Iowa City and Des Moines Public Schools. She holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and a Master of Science in School Administration from Drake University, and received her Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Iowa. Dr. Lane also is a graduate of the Broad Superintendents Academy, an intensive executive management program designed to prepare traditional and non-traditional professionals to lead urban public school systems.

Throughout her career, she has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the most recent a 2010 Woman of Excellence award from The New Pittsburgh Courier and the 2006 President’s Award for Community Improvement. Dr. Lane resides in the Highland Park neighborhood with her husband and has two grown children.

Councilman Dowd will also be presenting a proclamation declaring February 2011 “Career and Technical Education Month” as sponsored by the National Association for Career and Technical Education. In the Pittsburgh Public Schools, Career and Technical Education is part of the District’s vision for *Excellence for All*, and combines academic education with career-focused experience.

The Pittsburgh Public Schools Career and Technical Education program helps students prepare for career success and a higher quality of life and the Pittsburgh Promise scholarship, which can be used by Pittsburgh Public Schools graduates who qualify at Pennsylvania state-funded schools, community colleges and private schools that offer two or four year degree programs, including many trade schools.

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