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**Title:** WHEREAS, May 21st, 2021 has been designated as the 23rd Annual “Take a Father to School Day” in the Pittsburgh Public Schools; and,

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*WHEREAS*, May 21st, 2021 has been designated as the 23rd Annual “Take a Father to School Day” in the Pittsburgh Public Schools; and,

*WHEREAS*, since its inception in 1999 by founder Mark Brentley, Sr., the goal of the event is to bring fathers and male role models into the school space in order to establish better communications with schools and explore opportunities for volunteering and engaging men to take a proactive role in their child's education; however, due to COVID-19, this year’s event will be held virtually; and,

*WHEREAS*, during Take a Father to School Day, fathers and father figures from across the City of Pittsburgh, virtually visit the schools of their children, meet teachers and staff, and participate in organized fun activities; and,

*WHEREAS*, it is important to include ‘positive make role models’ in the definition of “father” for the purpose of highlighting the inclusive nature of this event, and,

*WHEREAS*, this year, virtual events are planned where online activities are available for fathers, father role models and families to have fun with their students; and,

*WHEREAS*, Pittsburgh Public Schools would like to acknowledge this year’s partners: the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Literacy Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Penguins, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Pittsburgh Steelers, as well as local men’s groups and a variety of organizations that have continued to support the success of the initiative; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the important work of this program and the volunteers and participants who continuously commit themselves to the education and development of our city’s children; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 21, 2021

to be **“Take a Father to School Day”** in the City of Pittsburgh.