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**Title:** WHEREAS, May 19th, 2023 has been designated as the 25th Annual “Take a Father to School Day” in the Pittsburgh Public School District; and,

**Sponsors:** Theresa Kail-Smith, All Members

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*WHEREAS*, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 has been designated as the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual “Take a Father to School Day” in the Pittsburgh Public School District; and,

*WHEREAS*, this annual event involves every branch of the Pittsburgh Public School District and has attracted, annually over 6,000 fathers and male guardians for the last five years. On this day, a "father" is any positive male role model in a child's life: a grandfather, cousin, uncle, older sibling, community leader, mentor, minister, etc.; and,

*WHEREAS*, the goal of “Take a Father to School Day” is to bring men into the school building to establish better communication with schools, understand that they are welcomed in schools, and explore opportunities for volunteering and becoming more involved in their child’s education. Research suggests that the involvement of fathers exerts a distinct and independent influence in whether children ever repeat a grade, get mostly A’s, enjoy school, and participate in extracurricular activities; and,

*WHEREAS*, the theme for the 25th annual “Take a Father to School Day” is “Proud, Purposeful and Supportive.” When fathers intentionally let kids know that they are proud of them, that they are purposeful and that they support their efforts, it reinforces love and a healthy sense of who they are which helps to build confidence; and,

*WHEREAS*, Pittsburgh Public Schools would like to acknowledge this year’s partners: the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Pirates, Pittsburgh Penguins, Pittsburgh Steelers, and the Pittsburgh Science Center as well as local men’s groups and a variety of organizations that have continued to support the success of the “Take a Father to School Day” initiative over the years; 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 April 18, 2023 to be **“Take a Father to School Day”** in the City of Pittsburgh.