

## City of Pittsburgh

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WHEREAS, on November 22, 2011, the Pittsburgh Board of Education officially voted to close Oliver High School and move those students to Perry Traditional Academy; and

WHEREAS, the Transition Teams from both schools have worked tirelessly to ensure all North Side students have a safe, warm and welcoming educational home that excels both academically and through the various sports and activities to all those who enter; and

WHEREAS, Oliver High School, established in 1925 and named in honor of David B. Oliver, President of Pittsburgh Public Schools <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pittsburgh\_Public\_Schools">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pittsburgh\_Public\_Schools</a> from 1911-1922, who was largely responsible for the increase in the number and size of Pittsburgh Public Schools; and whose artifacts will adorn the halls as a reminder of the rich history that the Oliver students will bring with them; and

WHEREAS, Perry High School, established in 1923 and named for Commodore Oliver H. Perry, is a traditional academy that will provide strong, consistent discipline, a structured setting, clear expectations, and rigorous instruction to ensure that students will be Promise ready; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2012 at 8:00pm, the community gathered in Perry High School gym to witness the current Oliver and Perry faculty to play Pittsburgh Steelers players in a basketball game celebrating the creation of a united North Side high school powerhouse;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the past successes of both Oliver and Perry High Schools as well as look forward to a bright future for the new, unified Perry Traditional Academy, and does hereby declare Wednesday, March 7, 2012, to be "Perry/Oliver Unity Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.