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WHEREAS, May 17th, 2019 has been designated as the 21st Annual *“Take a Father to School Day”* in the Pittsburgh Public Schools; 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; and,

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

WHEREAS, the goal of Take a Father to School Day is to bring men into the school building to establish better communications 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 on whether children ever repeat a grade, get mostly A's, enjoy school, and participate in extracurricular activities; and,

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

- Pittsburgh Public Schools Board of Directors
- 100 Black Men of Western Pennsylvania
- Allegheny Family Network
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Destiny International Ministries
- Family Services of Western Pennsylvania
- Fathers Collaborative Council of Western Pennsylvania
- Garfield Gators Youth Football
- Men's Ministry Mentoring Initiative/St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church
- Early Childhood Education Program Male/Fatherhood Involvement Initiative
- Lawrenceville United
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Trying Together
- Rodman St. Baptist Church Men's Group
- Small Seeds Development, Inc.
- State Representative Ed Gainey

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- The Honorable Dwayne D. Woodruff

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the thousands who participate and urges all members of the Pittsburgh School District community to actively support and participate in this worthwhile event; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, May 17th, 2019 to be *“Take a Father to School Day”* in the City of Pittsburgh.