



# City of Pittsburgh

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Presented by Ms. Carlisle

WHEREAS, DR. JOHN W. THOMPSON WAS HIRE AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN 2000 AND HAS ESTABLISHED A CLEAR VISION FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM PROVIDING LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE STRATEGIC PLAN AS CONTAINED IN THE AGENDA IN ACTION.; AND

WHEREAS, THROUGH HIS EXHAUSTIVE PASSION FOR IMPROVEMENT, DR. THOMPSON DESIGNED A PROCESS FOR PRINCIPALS AND FACULTY TO USE TO REGULARLY MONITOR THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS BASED ON PROFICIENCY LEVELS; AND

WHEREAS, DR THOMPSON WAS ONE OF FEW SUPERINTENDENTS IN THE COMMON WEALTH TO REQUEST THE GOVERNOR'S \$3.6 MILLION ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. THIS GRANT INCREASED THE NUMBER OF PRE-SCHOOL CLASSROOMS BY 24, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED FROM 1,300 TO 1,700; AND

WHEREAS, DR. THOMPSON HAS INCREASED THE AMOUNT OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS FROM \$6 MILLION IN 2002 TO \$22 MILLION IN 2004. ALSO, DR. THOMPSON DEVELOPED A K-12 CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM, ALIGNED WITH FUTURE WORKFORCE NEEDS, AND BEGAN IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Dr. John W. Thompson and his work with the Pittsburgh Public School Systema nd for his true devotion and compassion of our Children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council in the City of Pittsburgh declare Tuesday, February 8, 2005, as "Dr. John Thompson Day"