

School Board Recognition Accomplishments in 2009

Highlights of Board Accomplishments - Calendar Year 2009

1. All Penn-Trafford Schools received the Keystone Award for the SIXTH year in a row. The Keystone Award is given by the Department of Education for a school which has made annual yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years
2. Employed thirteen new professional staff members
3. Employed a Director of Human Resources
4. Employed a new assistant principal for the high school
5. 2009 Schools of Excellence in Technology Award recipient from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association
6. Approved the purchase of 60 cameras for all schools
7. Approved the purchase of swipe access cards to improve safety
8. Approved the purchase of 19 new textbooks for the 2009-2010 school year
9. Approved the use of the Achieve 3000 program
10. Approved the preschool intervention program for parents
11. Approved Aramark as the new food service provider with a \$50,000 profit guarantee and a \$45,000 equipment upgrade
12. Approved the district mid-point strategic plan
13. Supported the summer technology workshops for approximately 50 staff members
14. Completely revised all district policies
15. Approved the use of the PA School Boards Association in creating administrative regulations to accompany the revised policies
16. Continued the acceptance of the Classrooms of the Future Grant for the high school
17. Approved the continuation and expansion of summer school/ tutoring programs in grades preK-12
18. Provided in-service training activities for professional staff members based upon Pennsylvania state standards, effective teaching strategies, and data-driven decision making.
19. Approved the continuation of the Dual Enrollment grant program providing college coursework to high school students
20. Approved the use of the Burst program for primary students
21. Supported the "Learning for All" philosophy to assist students with differentiated instruction and to support staff with differentiated professional development
22. Continued the upgrading of buildings and grounds with the new middle school roof and refreshing of the DryVit on Harrison Park and McCullough
23. Approved the FEMA and NIMS training for over 50 staff members
24. Approved the ownership of three former Intermediate Unit learning support classes
25. Approved the new catch basin for the area near the Post Office
26. Approved the repair of the high school stage
27. Approved the continuous carpet upgrades in all of the schools
28. Accomplished the above with a zero mill increase in 2009-2010 marking the third consecutive year with no millage increase for the taxpayers of the community

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