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Proclamation thanking Pittsburgh Public Schools teachers and declaring November 9-14, 2015 to be "Teachers Matter Week" in Allegheny County.

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WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Public Schools developed the Empowering Effective Teachers plan to empower, elevate, evaluate and recognize teachers and teaching, and through this work, the District can now highlight teachers' strengths and stories, and continue to build a culture that supports high performance; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is supported by a Teacher Recognition and Empowerment Advisory Committee that consists of approximately 80 teachers. The District has approached this work as an integral piece of the teacher growth and evaluation system, within the context of comprehensive efforts to focus on people, culture, and structures within the *Whole Child, Whole Community* plan; and

WHEREAS, the Empowering Effective Teachers plan consists of three main parts: recognition and appreciation, teacher-led professional learning, and community engagement to elevate teachers and the teaching profession. As part of their recognition and appreciation efforts, Pittsburgh Public Schools has established **Teachers Matter Week**, which will take place from November 9-14; and

WHEREAS, throughout the week, schools will be visited by Pittsburgh leaders, local businesses will show their appreciation for teachers through specials and discounts, and to cap off the week, the Andy Warhol Museum will open its doors on Saturday, November 14, 2015 for a very special celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council does hereby declare November 9-14, 2015 to be "**Teachers Matter Week**" in Allegheny County, and we recognize and honor all teachers serving in the Pittsburgh Public Schools for choosing such an honorable profession, and for their dedicated

efforts to improving the lives of our youth.