



City of Pittsburgh

Tom Murphy, Mayor

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STATEMENT OF MAYOR TOM MURPHY REGARDING CURRENT SCHOOL CRISIS

Mayor Tom Murphy issued the following statement following yesterday's announcement by three major Pittsburgh foundations to halt all funding for the Pittsburgh Public School District:

"Our fundamental concern must be the education and welfare of our children. As the parent of a child in our public school system, I am personally gravely concerned about the level of discord and acrimony in our school district. It is clear that the current direction of the school district does not represent our children's best interests. To date we have had many meetings with both the school board members and the administration in an effort to reach a level of compromise, and that effort has not succeeded. The action of the foundation community yesterday is a wake up call, one that I hope will force all of us to come together as a community to address the ongoing problems facing the Pittsburgh Public Schools. If there is one group that has only the best interests of our community in mind, it is the foundation community. That is why their decision is such a strong wake up call for all of us. I, for one, am prepared to engage in a community-wide discussion on what we should and can do as a City to ensure that our schools are providing the best education and opportunities for our children."

- Mayor Tom Murphy

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