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The Pittsburgh Promise: Update

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 29, 2008 -- The Pittsburgh Promise has extended eligibility for scholarship applications to high school seniors of the four schools chartered by the Pittsburgh Public Schools. They are: City Charter High School, Liberty Avenue, Downtown Pittsburgh; Career Connections Charter High School, 4412 Butler Street, Pittsburgh; The Academy Charter School, Inc., 900 Agnew Road, Southside and Northside Urban Pathways, Penn Avenue, Downtown Pittsburgh.

Together the four charter schools have 232 high school seniors, of whom approximately 115 are expected to qualify for scholarships in 2008 under The Pittsburgh Promise program to pursue further education at accredited colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. They will join approximately 1,250 Pittsburgh Public School graduates who are expected to be eligible for Pittsburgh Promise scholarships in 2008.

To qualify for grants from The Pittsburgh Promise, all students must meet the same residency, enrollment and Grade Point Average (GPA) criteria. Requirements include enrollment in Pittsburgh Public Schools (including schools chartered by the District) and residency within the school District continuously since at least 9th grade and for 2008 a minimum GPA of 2.0.

The four charter schools have been advised that The Pittsburgh Promise has been extended to cover their graduating students and scholarship guidelines and application forms have been distributed to all students and their families. For the Class of 2008, the maximum Pittsburgh Promise scholarship award for each student is \$5,000 per year.

The Pittsburgh Promise, a Supporting Organization of The Pittsburgh Foundation, was created with a \$100 million commitment by UPMC, including an initial \$10 million to support the Class of 2008 from the Pittsburgh Public Schools. The remaining \$90 million is a challenge grant intended to spur a community-wide campaign to raise a total of \$250 million to create a permanent endowment that will fund future generations of graduates from the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

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