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Dear Hi5 Colleagues,

At the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU), our staff has a history of working collaboratively with community partners in efforts that further the collective good of our region. The AIU was one of the founding members of the Hi5 partnership, and firmly believes in the importance of early childhood education.

Throughout its 10-year history, the Hi5 partnership has steadily worked to support early kindergarten registration and school readiness. Early and on time registration has a profound impact not just on young children, but on school districts as well. Through early scheduling, teachers and administrators are able to carefully plan for the needs of all children.

At this point, all 43 school districts in Allegheny County are part of the Hi5 team. When the effort first began with just a handful of districts, as few as 13% of kindergarten students were enrolled on the first day of school. Over the last 10 years, this number has grown to 96%, an impressive accomplishment. Thanks to the collaboration of school districts, preschool programs and community agencies, the Hi5 partnership has benefited all and ensured the continued support of early childhood education.

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Hi5 team, and thank you for all that you do for the children, families and school districts in Allegheny County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rosanne Javorsky'.

Rosanne Javorsky  
Interim Executive Director  
Allegheny Intermediate Unit