

MEDIA ALERT

AIU, Allegheny County School Districts and CTCs Issue Joint Statement in Support of Students, Families of Color

PITTSBURGH, June 5, 2020 – The Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) along with all 42 school districts and five career and technical centers (CTCs) in suburban Allegheny County issued a joint statement on Friday reaffirming their organizations’ commitment to students and families of all backgrounds, and standing against acts of prejudice and racism. The joint statement was posted on the AIU’s and districts’ social media accounts and/or websites. The statement is below:

“As Allegheny County educators, we strive to ensure welcoming, inclusive, and safe learning environments for all of our students and families. We are committed to nurturing schools where each and every child is respected and valued as an individual regardless of skin color, gender, orientation, religion, ability or disability, or any other category.

We stand together in support of our students and families of color and against acts of prejudice and racism. We will continue to work to ensure educational equity for all students and stand in solidarity with our black and brown students and families.”

The AIU serves the 42 school districts and five CTCs in suburban Allegheny County:

Allegheny Valley	East Allegheny	Mt. Lebanon	South Fayette Township
Avonworth	Elizabeth Forward	North Allegheny	South Park
A. W. Beattie CTC	Forbes Road CTC	North Hills	Steel Center CTC
Baldwin-Whitehall	Fox Chapel Area	Northgate	Steel Valley
Bethel Park	Gateway	Parkway West CTC	Sto-Rox
Brentwood	Hampton Township	Penn Hills	Upper St. Clair
Carlynton	Highlands	Pine-Richland	West Allegheny
Chartiers Valley	Keystone Oaks	Plum Borough	West Jefferson Hills
Clairton City	McKeesport Area	Quaker Valley	West Mifflin Area
Cornell	McKeesport Area CTC	Riverview	Wilkinsburg Borough
Deer Lakes	Montour	Shaler Area	Woodland Hills
Duquesne City	Moon Area	South Allegheny	

Rosanne Javorsky, the AIU’s interim executive director, said that in recent days educational leaders across the county expressed their desire to address the death of George Floyd and subsequent protests in a cohesive manner.

“Several school districts have already been in communication with their families and have issued statements of support individually,” Mrs. Javorsky said. “This joint statement reinforces that all of our students are valued and that prejudice and racism have no place in our public schools.”

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ABOUT THE AIU

An educational service agency, the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) is part of Pennsylvania’s public education system and serves schools, children, youth and families in suburban Allegheny County. Among the largest of Pennsylvania’s 29 intermediate units, the AIU employs more than 1,100 educators, administrators and support staff, with an annual budget exceeding \$150 million.