

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, *A+ Schools* is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and will mark this exciting milestone with a special event on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at the Lexus Club at CONSOL Energy Center; and

**WHEREAS**, *A+ Schools* was founded in 2004 as Pittsburgh's Community Alliance for Public Education to serve as an advocate for equity and excellence; the organization is dedicated to educating the public, increasing awareness and engaging the community in efforts to advance change; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, *A+ Schools* published the first Report to the Community on Public School Progress, which provided the public and policy makers with an easily accessible reference tool to monitor and track how well our schools were educating students; the organization has continuously provided this and other critical reports to the community over the past decade; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 10 years, *A+ Schools* has been a critical voice for reform at our schools; its efforts have produced changes that have increased access to advanced courses, library services, arts and music courses, world languages, and counselors for students; and

**WHEREAS**, high quality public schools are essential to the strength and vitality of our region and Allegheny County is grateful for the work of *A+ Schools* in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate *A+ Schools* on this exciting anniversary and look forward to the many more great things it will accomplish!

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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