

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama's administration announced a new early childhood education grant program on August 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh was honored that U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan chose to make the announcement during a visit to the City; and

WHEREAS, Mayor William Peduto has made early childhood education a priority for his administration, and in December asked President Obama to make Pittsburgh a lab for studying best practices in providing preschool care to all children; and

WHEREAS, Children who receive high-quality early childhood education are better prepared to succeed in elementary and secondary classrooms, and be positioned for employment; and

WHEREAS, Of the 10,000 children in Pittsburgh between ages one and five, less than half are provided with any form of education before kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh needs to make a strong effort, along with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to win funding through the \$250 million competitive grant program announced by Secretary Duncan.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, I do hereby order as follows:

1. Effective immediately, that Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Early Childhood Education (MBRPECE) be empaneled.
2. Effective immediately, that this Panel will consist of the following members:
Barb Minzenberg, Deputy Secretary, Department of Education, State of Pennsylvania; Linda Lane, Superintendent, Pittsburgh Public Schools; Dennis Yablonsky, CEO, Allegheny Conference on Community Development; Sarah Toulouse, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, Bayer Corp., and Executive Director Bayer Foundation USA; Marge Petruska, Senior Program Director, Heinz Endowments; Gregg Behr, Executive Director, Grable Foundation; Jim Denova, Vice President, Benedum Foundation; U.S. Rep. Mike Doyle; State Sen. Randy Vulakovich; State Rep. Dan Frankel; Dennis Davin, Director of Economic Development, Allegheny County; Pittsburgh City Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak; Barbara Willard, Southwest Regional Key; Bill Isler, President, Family Communications; Carol Barone-Martin, Executive Director, Early Childhood Education, Pittsburgh Public Schools; Debbie Gallagher,

Director, Early Head Start Director, Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center; Shimira Williams, Tek Start; Michelle Figlar, Executive Director, PAEYC; Patrick Dowd, Executive Director, Allies for Children; Carey Harris, Executive Director, A+ Schools.

3. Effective immediately, that the Panel be organized into three (3) subcommittees: Politics, chaired by Natalia Rudiak; Policy, chaired by Michelle Figlar; and Partnerships, chaired by Marge Petruska.
4. Effective immediately, that the work of the full Panel will be staffed by Dr. Curtiss Porter and Dr. Cosette Grant-Overton, the Chief and the Manager respectively of the City of Pittsburgh's Education & Neighborhood Reinvestment Office, who together have decades of experience in education and workforce development.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Peduto', written over a horizontal line.

Mayor William Peduto