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**Pennsylvania Judges Join Local School Districts to Welcome Kids Back to School**

*Nearly 100 judges statewide volunteer to join effort*

**HARRISBURG** – Committed to the communities in which they serve, judges from across Pennsylvania have joined with local school districts to welcome children safely back for the 2021-22 school year.

“The last few years have been hard on teachers and students amid the ongoing pandemic,” said Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Chief Justice Max Baer. “A critical part of the courts’ mission is to educate all Pennsylvanians about the work and role of the courts in our communities.”

“Pennsylvania judges are part of the communities in which kids live and go to school. With the pandemic still front of mind for students and educators, it was important for us to join with the schools so children can see judges at work in the community as they head back to the classroom.”

Following all individual school district COVID safety protocols, judges across the state are participating in first day of school and other welcome events, standing with teachers and administrators to welcome kids as they exited buses and entered school buildings for the first time this year.

The back-to-school events are the first of several planned initiatives to increase public awareness about the work and role of the courts in the lives of Pennsylvania citizens and its communities.

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