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## **CISPAC School District Expansion Welcomes New Staff**

PITTSBURGH (March 22, 2021 ) -

Communities in Schools of Pittsburgh-Allegheny County (CISPAC) is pleased to welcome Victor Grigsby as our new Business Manager. Previously an accounting manager for various business enterprises, he also serves as a youth basketball coach. In this role at CISPAC, Mr. Grigsby will combine his financial expertise and passion to help children and youth. This new position has been created to oversee CISPAC's financial future as the organization expands programming and schools served over the next year.

For over 35 years, CISPAC has worked with schools to provide educational support and gather resources so this region's most vulnerable students have what they need to succeed. Throughout the pandemic of this past year, we are working with schools to support student reengagement as teachers and students return to classroom learning. Thanks to the generosity of Pittsburgh's foundation community and a re-engagement grant from the Communities In Schools® network, CISPAC is expanding services in this region and Mr. Grigsby will be an integral part of that work.

In preparation of this expansion of services, this position is the latest of five new additions this year. Others new to our staff include Chelsey Pucka, formerly of the Carnegie Museums, who joins the team as our Strategic Initiatives Specialist, facilitating our reengagement programs across school districts. Data Specialist, Jeff Cooper, formerly consultant to the University of Pittsburgh, Point Park and Harrisburg universities, is now managing student data collection and analysis to ensure our successes can be measured and replicated.

Finally, CISPAC has added two new Development Associates, Chase Booth former chief operating officer for Ballard Community of Lawrence, KS and George Moura, former events specialist with Animal Friends, to increase fundraising capacity and brand awareness, making sustainability of our work in new districts a priority for years to come.

CISPAC is thrilled to be strengthen by these new staff who are dedicated to helping fulfill our mission to students and schools. We look forward to increasing our impact and breaking down more barriers for students in our community. If you have questions about CISPAC's new staff or the expansion of our re-engagement initiatives to new schools in the region, contact executive director Bridget Clement at <a href="mailto:bclement@cispac.org">bclement@cispac.org</a>.

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## About Communities In Schools of Pittsburgh – Allegheny County

CISPAC is part of the Communities In Schools ® network that ensures all students have what they need to stay in school and on a path to a brighter future. Working directly inside more than 2,500 schools and community sites across the country, we connect 1.62 million students to caring adults and community resources designed to help them succeed in school and life. With a proven mix of evidence-based

practice and human capital, we do whatever it takes to empower kids to realize their full potential. To learn more about CISPAC, visit <u>cispac.org</u>.

Communities in Schools of Pittsburgh - Allegheny County (CISPAC) is a Sanctuary®-certified institution committed to deepening its understanding of trauma's impact on individuals, schools, and communities. CISPAC works actively to promote trauma sensitivity within our internal operation as well as in our work throughout the Greater Pittsburgh region.