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**Coalition for Philly healthy schools kicks off as city council holds public hearings on district budget**

*Councilman Green and PFT President Jerry Jordan join labor, parent and health groups for announcement*

WHAT: A coalition of parent advocacy groups, environmental and public health organizations, and labor unions will be joined by Philadelphia City Councilman Derek Green and PFT President Jerry Jordan to announce the formation of the “Philly Healthy Schools Initiative.” The coalition is being created to address public health threats in Philadelphia’s public schools including lead paint, asbestos, lead in drinking water, mold and other threats. The coalition will release its platform and discuss ways in which citywide policies, and school improvement plans and actions can be successfully implemented to protect school children and teachers.

When: Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00AM

Where City Hall, 4th Floor, North hallway

Who: Philadelphia City Councilman Derek Green

 Jerry Jordan, President for the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers

David Masur, Executive Director for PennEnvironment

Dr. Walter Tsou, Physicians for Social Responsibility and former Health Commissioner for the City of Philadelphia

Other representatives from parent advocacy, public health, and labor organizations, Dan Urevick-Ackelsberg, Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia, Nick Alpers, Philadelphia AFL-CIO Mobilization Coordinator,

Sherman Harris, Assistant to the President, AFSCME DC 33,

Jenny Aiello C.W. Henry School PTA,

Kendra Brooks, Parents United

Tomika Anglin, Parents United