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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Park Elementary School Named Apple Distinguished School**

*Munhall, PA* – Park Elementary in the Steel Valley School District has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2019-2022 for its 1:1 iPad program and innovative teaching strategies.

Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of innovation, leadership and educational excellence that use Apple technology to inspire creativity, collaboration and critical thinking. They showcase innovative uses of technology in learning, teaching and the school environment and have documented results of academic accomplishment.

“Park Elementary being recognized as an Apple Distinguished School supports the tremendous efforts of our faculty and staff to ensure that our students will grow both academically and socially and be well prepared for their future endeavors,” said Michelle Blasko, special education teacher and STEAM facilitator. “We cannot wait to see where our students go from here!”

According to District Superintendent Edward Wehrer, “The recognition of Park Elementary as an Apple Distinguished School highlights its success as an innovative and compelling learning environment that engages students and provides tangible evidence of academic accomplishment.”

While exploring curriculum through the use of Apple’s products, Park Elementary has met or exceeded state targets in Math, English Language Arts and Science.

“In addition to these amazing accomplishments, Park Elementary is developing a Maker Space room so that our students can build, create and share by using various forms of media,” said Blasko. “Some aspects of our new lab include a green screen, coding center, virtual reality technology as well as continued integration of Apple technology.”

Being recognized as an Apple Distinguished School showcases Park’s commitment and success of creating an environment of diverse learners and innovative thinkers.

