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Advisory Committee Begins Task of Considering Options for East Region Schools

PITTSBURGH December 2, 2009 – On Thursday, December 3, 2009, a District advisory committee will begin the work of developing recommendations for serving the educational needs of the students and families in the East Region.

The District's East Region Advisory Committee will be comprised of parents, community leaders and District staff. The Advisory Committee will utilize the definition of the East Region established in the *Building Excellence: Blueprint for the Future* facilities study report submitted to the District on November 2, 2009. The East Region includes the neighborhoods of: Bloomfield, Downtown, East Liberty, Friendship, Garfield, Greenfield, Hazelwood, Highland Park, the Hill District, Homewood-Brushton, Lawrenceville, Lincoln-Lemington, Mifflin, Morningside, Oakland, Point Breeze, Shadyside, Squirrel Hill and Sunnyside.

The East Region Advisory Committee's work will advance the District's goal of presenting a plan that advances student academic achievement while considering the need to make the most efficient and effective use of the District's facilities and financial resources.

The information on enrollment projections and recommendations for the best use of the District's buildings contained in the facilities study report will be a valuable resource as the Advisory Committee considers practices that have a successful history of improving student achievement, such as the feasibility of year-round schooling, single-gender education, and others.

Since community engagement is an important part of the Committee's work, the first meeting of the District's Advisory Committee will be devoted to a listening session. Members of the Committee will observe the open meeting on East End schools being hosted by two Board Members in Conference Room A, Administration Building, at 4PM on Thursday, December 3.

As part of the District's process for gathering public input, three community forums for public comment will be held during the East Region Advisory Committee's planning:

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- Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 7PM, Reizenstein facility, 129 Denniston Ave. (Shady Side)
- Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 7PM, Pittsburgh Peabody High School, 515 N. Highland Ave. (East Liberty)
- Thursday, February 25, 2010, 7PM, Pittsburgh Westinghouse High School, 1101 N. Murtland Ave. (Homewood)

Each forum will begin with a short overview of the District Advisory Committee's work, followed by an opportunity for public remarks. Interested citizens may speak for three minutes, and speakers are asked to provide 15 copies of their remarks. Call the Superintendent's Office at 412-622-3600 beginning one week before the date of each forum, until noon on the day of the forum, to be placed on the agenda.

Citizens also may provide feedback by visiting the District website at www.pps.k12.pa.us and clicking on the Community Forums link on the homepage.

Updates about the District Advisory Committee's activities will be available by visiting www.pps.k12.pa.us/eastregionschools.

A list of schools in the East Region is attached.

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Pittsburgh Public Schools East Region Schools

Elementary K-5

Arsenal
Fort Pitt
Woolslair
Liberty
Minadeo
Fulton
Dilworth
Linden
Faison
Lincoln K-4 Primary

K-8 Schools

Arsenal 6-8
Greenfield K-8
Sunny Side K-8
Pittsburgh Montessori K-8
Lincoln 5-8 Intermediate
Faison 5-8
Sterrett 6-8
Colfax 6-8
Weil K-8
Vann K-8
Miller K-8

6-12 Schools

Sci-Tech 6-12
Pittsburgh CAPA 6-12
International Baccalaureate 6-12
Pittsburgh Milliones 6-12 (UPrep)
Student Achievement Center 6-12

High Schools

Pittsburgh Allderdice
Pittsburgh Peabody
Pittsburgh Westinghouse