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District Magnet & CTE Program Information Fair Saturday, October 1st

Magnet and CTE Program Registration Deadline December 16, 2011

PITTSBURGH September 30, 2011 – It's time to start planning for the 2012-13 school year. Parents interested in enrolling in a District magnet program or a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program for the 2012-13 school year are encouraged to attend the October 1st Magnet & CTE Program Information Fair.

Excellent neighborhood schools as well as magnet schools and programs are among the many educational offerings and options available for families of the Pittsburgh Public Schools. The Magnet & CTE Information fair provides parents an opportunity to learn about District programs that help students pursue their passion and prepare for a scholarship from the Pittsburgh Promise. This year's fair will take place from 9:00 am– 3:00 pm at Pittsburgh Obama 6-12 (Reizenstein facility), located in East Liberty at 129 Denniston Street, across from Bakery Square.

Representatives from magnet schools and programs and CTE programs will be available to answer questions. In addition, organizations that provide free tutoring through the District's Supplemental Education Program will be on hand to talk about these services provided to students at eligible schools.

Magnet and CTE options in the Pittsburgh Public Schools include schools/programs that provide a specific education model, such as the Montessori Method, or a theme-based program focusing on a student's specific talents or interests. The District currently offers 24 magnet options across the region served by the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

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Copies of the District Guide to Offerings and Options and magnet registration applications can be downloaded on the District's website at www.pps.k12.pa.us. Families may also request a copy by calling the Parent Hotline at (412) 622-7920.

Applications can be completed and submitted at the Magnet & CTE Program Information Fair. Students and families are able to apply to three magnet options in order of preference. Students who enroll in a magnet program are expected to remain in the program for at least one school year and must maintain satisfactory attendance, citizenship and academic progress.

Magnet applications must be submitted to the District no later than Friday, December 16, 2011, unless students are interested in applying to Pittsburgh CAPA 6-12. Applications for Pittsburgh CAPA 6-12 are due October 21, 2011 by 5PM.

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The chart below summarizes the available magnet schools and programs by geographic region and grade configuration.

Pittsburgh Public Schools Magnet Offerings for the 2012-13 School Year Region				
K-5	Dilworth PreK-5 (Traditional) Fulton PreK-5 (French Emphasis) Liberty PreK-5 (Spanish Emphasis) Linden K-5 (German & Mandarin Emphasis)	Phillips K-5 (Spanish Emphasis)	Allegheny K-5 (Traditional)	
K-8	Montessori PreK-8 (Montessori)	Carmalt PreK-8 (Sci &Tech)	Northview PreK-8 (Spanish Emphasis)	
6-8	Sterrett 6-8 (Classical)	Pittsburgh Classical 6-8	Allegheny 6-8 (Traditional) Schiller 6-8 (Classical)	
6-12	Obama 6-12 (IB) The Academy at Westinghouse 6-12		CAPA 6-12 (arts) Science & Technology 6-12 Milliones 6-12 (College Preparatory)	
High School	Allderdice 9-12 (Pre-Engineering)	Brashear 9-12 (Computer Science) Langley 9-12 (Teaching)	Oliver 9-12 (JROTC) Perry 9-12 (Traditional) (Math & Science)	

On August 4th the District recommended the closures of Pittsburgh Langley High School, Pittsburgh Northview PreK-8, and Pittsburgh Oliver High School as a part of its District Realignment Plan for the 2012-13 school year. Should the Board approve the District's recommendation, the Spanish program at Pittsburgh Northview will discontinue for the start of the 2012-13 school year, and the Pittsburgh Langley Teaching Magnet will be relocated to Pittsburgh Brashear High School. Additionally, Pittsburgh Oliver students in the JROTC program would take their academic classes at Pittsburgh Perry and then travel to the Oliver facility for JROTC classes.

Career and Technical Education

CTE programs are designed to help students explore and develop career-related interests and talents beyond the typical academic curriculum. The District's CTE programs are multifaceted and cover exciting new areas of study like engineering and health sciences, as well as traditional fields such as culinary arts, cosmetology and welding.

District CTE programs are divided into two categories: Signature Programs and Regional Programs. Students who enroll in a **Signature Program** must attend a school full time in the region where the program in located. Students who do not attend a school within the Signature Program's region must enroll in the school of program choice through the CTE application process. No students will be permitted to transfer within a region to a CTE program.

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Students who enroll in one of the **Regional Programs** must attend a school full time within the offering's region. Students cannot leave their region to attend a Regional CTE Program.

The chart below summarizes CTE offering for students.

CTE Regional Programs for the 2012-13 School Year				
Region	Regional Program Locations	Signature Programming		
East Pittsburgh Allderdice Academy at Westinghouse Pittsburgh Milliones	Academy at Westinghouse Cosmetology Culinary Arts Health Careers Business, Finance & Information Technology	Pittsburgh Allderdice Engineering		
South/West Pittsburgh Brashear Pittsburgh Carrick Pittsburgh Langley	Pittsburgh Carrick Culinary Arts Business Finance & Information Technology Pittsburgh Langley Health Careers	Pittsburgh Brashear Transportation		
North Pittsburgh Oliver Pittsburgh Perry	Pittsburgh Oliver Cosmetology Culinary Arts Health Careers Business, Finance & Information Technology			

If the Board approves the proposed District realignment Plan for the 2012-13 School Year, Advanced Machine Operations and Health Careers would no longer be available at Pittsburgh Langley. Additionally, students who live in the North region and are enrolled in Cosmetology and Health Careers will take their academic classes at Pittsburgh Perry and travel to the Oliver facility to complete their CTE course work.

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