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District Students and Alumni to Celebrate 28 Exciting Years at Pittsburgh Rogers CAPA 6-8 in Final Performance

PITTSBURGH May 28, 2009 – Students and alumni of Pittsburgh Rogers CAPA 6-8 will join together in “A Celebration of Rogers” to honor the facility that has housed the school for 28 years. The Rogers CAPA facility in Garfield will close at the end of this school year as students and faculty will move to an expanded Pittsburgh CAPA High School location in the fall. Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, Pittsburgh CAPA will include grades 6-12. The final performance will be held at Pittsburgh Rogers CAPA 6-8 on June 6, 2009 from 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The day’s festivities will begin at 12:30 p.m. with exhibits and intimate performances spread throughout the building. These exhibits will represent the visual arts, creative writing, theatre arts, dance, stagecraft, communications, and media arts departments. At 2:00 p.m., a performance in the school auditorium will feature the dance, vocal, media arts, and instrumental music departments. Following the auditorium program, the exhibits and small-scale performances will continue until 5:00 p.m. A reception is planned during the exhibit hours before and after the 2:00 p.m. performance. All members of the Rogers community – present and former students and their families, as well as staff, administrators, and community members – are encouraged to attend the celebration.

The day’s performers will include a mix of current students and alumni. Five former Rogers CAPA dance majors as well as a former vocal music major will be performing. Dancing at the performance are current CAPA High School students James Gilmer and Alex Clauss, adjunct teacher in the CAPA High School Dance Department Gabe Ash, CAPA High School English teacher Anne Shengary and Katie Shengary. Angela Machi, a voice therapist and Rogers CAPA graduate of the early 90’s will also be singing during the performance.

The current building, a former elementary school, is located at 5525 Columbo Street in the Garfield neighborhood. This has been the home of the middle school magnet for the arts since 1981. In July 2008, the Board approved the creation of the District’s newest 6-12 thematic learning community. Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, Pittsburgh Rogers CAPA 6-8 will join Pittsburgh CAPA High School to establish one 6-12 creative and performing arts magnet. The expansion of the downtown CAPA facility to form the new 6-12 arts magnet is part of the District’s Year Two Plans for *Excel.9-12, The Plan for High School Excellence*. *Excel.9-12* provides a five-year, sequenced roadmap which will enhance academic programs and redesign the District’s educational delivery at the secondary level.

To facilitate access to Rogers CAPA, a free parking shuttle will run between Rogers and the Sunnyside Elementary School in Stanton Heights beginning at 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m., then again from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. The performance and exhibits are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the school at 412.665.2000, or visit the website at <http://rogersms.pghboe.net>.

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