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Board Approves Opening of New 6-12 Creative And Performing Arts Magnet for Start of 2009-10 School Year

PITTSBURGH July 23, 2008 – At tonight’s Legislative Meeting 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.

In December 2007, the Board purchased three additional floors at the downtown CAPA facility. To maintain the culture and climate for middle and high school students, grades 9-12 will primarily occupy floors 2-6. The middle grade students will occupy floors 7-9. The school’s projected total enrollment is 915.

Scheduling will be adjusted to allow shared usage of the facility’s tech shop, piano lab, dance studios, gymnasium, orchestra room and choral room. In addition to the Main Auditorium and Black Box Theater, the facility will gain an additional performance space with the inclusion of the new Cabaret Theater.

All students in grades 6-8 will be transported to school via yellow school buses. Morning drop off and pick up will take place on 9th street in front of the CAPA facility. Pittsburgh CAPA High School students will continue using current transportation methods.

To view the plan for Pittsburgh CAPA 6-12 please visit the Pittsburgh Public Schools website at www.pps.k12.pa.us. A copy also can be obtained by calling the **Parent Hotline at 412-622-7920** or visiting the Division of Communications, Room 204, Pittsburgh Board of Education, 341 South Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

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