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Peabody High School to Host a Community-Building Event to Support East End Students and Families

PITTSBURGH April 30, 2007 –Peabody High School in collaboration with its partners will host ‘**Excellence for All: An East End Community Building Event.**’ This event will take place at Peabody High School, located at 515 N. Highland Avenue, Saturday May 12, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the event is to connect the resources of the community, provide meaningful opportunities for community involvement and strengthen the East-End community for the advancement of all students.

Special guest speakers include Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, Superintendent Mark Roosevelt and keynote speaker Cle “Bone” Sloan. Superintendent Mark Roosevelt will provide remarks about the important role that residents of all ages, community organizations and service providers play in improving the academic performance for all East End students through *Excellence for All*.

Keynote Cle “Bone” Sloan

Cle “Bone” Sloan hails from South Central Los Angeles and because of his outspoken views during the ‘91 L.A. riots has appeared on ‘Larry King Live’, ‘The Oprah Winfrey Show’ and ‘Nightline with Ted Koppel.’ Sloan is now an inactive member of the L.A. Bloods Gang and author and star of the award winning documentary, *Bastards of the Party*. Currently airing on HBO, *Bastards of the Party* is the story of “one gang’s violent evolution and a new generation’s search for a way out.” Sloan makes a positive call for change in modern gang culture with his message of reformatting the current gang structure to non-criminal and positive activities that build societal connection and a larger purpose.

Event Activities

Community members are invited to learn how together they can work towards creating a better East End, address public safety concerns and be a part of a community where young people can succeed. Additional speakers and workshop presenters will be on site to discuss issues that address the needs of students and the surrounding community such as, employment opportunities, money-management, home ownership, on-going prevention efforts to address area violence, Peabody’s Public Safety Magnet and parent involvement. The CAPA Jazz Band will provide music during lunch. All workshop attendees will receive a gift bag and are invited to a special hip-hop concert by Stand Up Now (S.U.N.) to take place at the end of the day. Door prizes are planned throughout the day. Participants who arrive early will be treated to a light continental breakfast. To register for this free event please call (412) 450-5280 or visit www.aplusschools.org/wn.html. For more information please call Peabody at (412) 665-2050.

Event Agenda

8:00 – 9:00	Registration/Breakfast/ Provider Fair/Community Service Sign Up
9:00 – 9:10	Peabody Principal, Mr. John Vater
9:10 – 9:30	Mayor of Pittsburgh, Luke Ravenstahl
9:30 – 10:00	Superintendent, Mark Roosevelt
10:00 – 10:45	Cle “Bone” Sloan
10:45 – 11:30	Breakout Session 1
11:30 – 12:15	Breakout Session 2
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch and Music by the CAPA Jazz Band
1:15 – 3:00	S.U.N. Concert – Open to workshop attendees only

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