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For Immediate Release

<u>Limited Open Enrollment Opportunities Available at 13 District</u> Schools for the Start of the 2007-2008 School Year

PITTSBURGH, May 24, 2007 – Now through June 14, 2007, parents of students within the Pittsburgh Public Schools may apply for transfers through Limited Open Enrollment. Spaces are available at 13 District schools. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis and may be obtained from the school of interest. Parents need to provide proof of residency at the time of application. Transportation for Limited Open Enrollment transfers is the responsibility of the parent or guardian unless there is an existing route with available spaces on the vehicle.

Special education students may be transferred through the IEP process only, with no preference over mainstream students. Special Education students will not be moved without a Notice of Recommended Educational Placement (NOREP).

The chart below outlines the spaces currently available at the following schools based on geographic region.

Region			
Grade Levels	East	South/West	Central/North
K-5	Fulton (non-magnet) Fort Pitt ALA Woolslair	West Liberty	Spring Hill Northview ALA
K-8	Colfax ALA Lincoln Primary & Intermediate	Westwood	
High School	Peabody Westinghouse– SAM Program Cosmetology Food Service Business & Finance	Carrick Langley	

Additional Information Regarding Open Enrollment

Below is additional information for parents to consider regarding Limited Open Enrollment.

- If approved for open enrollment at any school the student will remain at the school until the completion of the highest grade level. (5th grade for K-5, 8th grade for K-8 and 12th grade for high school.)
- When the student advances from elementary to middle or middle to secondary, the student will return to their feeder pattern home school based on his or her legal residence.
- Students accepted through Limited Open Enrollment must maintain satisfactory attendance, citizenship and academic progress to avoid being transferred back to their feeder pattern school based on their address record.

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Parents will receive a letter from their requested school indicating if their child has been accepted or not accepted into the school through Limited Open Enrollment no later than June 29, 2007.

The Board Limited Open Enrollment Policy

The Board resolution, adopted in 1996, states Limited Open Enrollment is allowed for students as long as:

- The District does not incur additional transportation costs; therefore, transportation will not be provided unless there is an existing route with available space;
- There will be no negative impact on the racial balance of the sending or receiving school;
- Space is available in the receiving school.

For questions regarding Limited Open Enrollment parents are encouraged to contact the Parent Hotline at (412) 622-7920. Parents can find school information by visiting the Pittsburgh Public Schools website at www.pps.k12.pa.us.

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