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Pittsburgh Public Schools to Hold Regional Community Meetings to Discuss Partnership with Community Education Partners to Meet the Needs of Students with Chronic Behavioral Challenges

PITTSBURGH June 7, 2007 – The District will hold five regional community meetings this June to inform parents about its new education partnership with Community Education Partners (CEP). On January 24, 2007, the Pittsburgh Board of Education voted to enter into a five year agreement with CEP to meet the needs of students in grades 6 through 12 with chronic behavioral challenges.

CEP is also an important part of *Excel.9-12, The Plan for High School Excellence*, which was unveiled in April. The presentation of the multi-year plan focused on the priorities for Year One, which will ensure positive learning environments for all students.

CEP will provide a team of on-site professionals, to 432 middle and secondary students, to provide intensive support services for students and families, including anger management, crisis intervention and mental health interventions that help students deal with their aggressive behavior toward peers and adults. Students typically stay in the CEP program for 12 to 18 months before returning to their home school.

The former Clayton Elementary building was selected from among the District’s available facilities as best able to accommodate the “school within a school” design needs of the CEP program. Renovations are currently taking place to the Clayton site to house four gender-specific Learning Communities, each functioning as an individual 108-student school with four classrooms and a central Commons area.

District staff will be on hand to share information about the CEP agreement, the Clayton facility and more. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend one of the five regional community meetings listed below. All meetings will be held in each school’s library.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 14, 2007	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Perry	3875 Perrysville Avenue
June 19, 2007	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Langley	2940 Sheraden Boulevard
June 21, 2007	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Westinghouse	1101 Murtland Avenue
June 26, 2007	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	South Hills Middle	595 Crane Avenue
June 27, 2007	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Schenley	4101 Bigelow Boulevard

For a listing of dates and times for the five regional community meetings on CEP being held throughout the Pittsburgh Public Schools please visit <http://pps.k12.pa.us> or call the Parent Hotline at (412) 622-7920.

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