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Pittsburgh Obama Moves to Former Peabody High School

By Carolyn Ristau *The Bulletin*

East Liberty – This summer, the Barack Obama Academy of International Studies (Pittsburgh Obama 6-12) moved from the former Reizenstein Middle School on Penn Avenue to the former Peabody High School at the corner of Highland Avenue and East Liberty Boulevard.

Pittsburgh Obama 6-12 is a magnet school with certified International Baccalaureate (IB) programming. The Middle Years Program is for grades 6-10, and the Diploma Program is for grades 11-12.

“When the school was created, we knew Reizenstein would not be a permanent home,” commented Dr. Wayne Walters, principal at Pittsburgh Obama 6-12. The school opened at the Reizenstein location in 2009 with grades 6-9 and added a grade each year up to 12th grade. However, it was clear from day one that Reizenstein was too small a site for a full 6-12 school.

“We promised the first 9th graders that they would only experience one move when they moved initially,” Walters explained. That class graduated this spring, which meant the school could now move to a new space to accommodate its increased size.

A committee recommended several sites to the district, all of which were existing school buildings with enough space to handle the student population

of over 800. From these recommendations, the district chose the former Peabody High School.

Walters explained that the Peabody site has many advantages over the Reizenstein site, but the most important was the increase in size. One of the requirements of the IB program is an isolated testing area for students taking the IB exam. The former location did not have the space to accommodate this, forcing students to go off-site to take the exam. The new building is large enough to dedicate an exclusive area for testing.

The IB exam tests students’ critical thinking and holistic view of knowledge as opposed to the regurgitation of information required by other exams such as the Advanced Placement. The IB approach requires extensive training for the teachers and students. Walters explained, “The students’ tests are sent all over the world for assessment. This gives them international feedback on their skill sets.”

Additional benefits of the new location include the largest gym in the Pittsburgh Public School system and an auditorium and windows, both of which Reizenstein lacked.

There is a downside to the new building. The school is organized into learning communities, groups of classes and grades that interact and learn together. The layout of Reizenstein

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BELOW: Pittsburgh Obama 6-12 opens the new school year in the building that once housed Pittsburgh Peabody High School. Photo by Paula Martinac



Transit Center to Fuel East Liberty Growth

By Margaret Graham *East Liberty Development Inc.*

East Liberty – Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, East Liberty is getting a new transit center.

The city's Urban Redevelopment Authority was recently awarded a \$15 million TIGER IV (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant to develop the East Liberty Transit Center in partnership with the Port Authority of Allegheny County and The Mosites Company. This grant will leverage city and state funds to develop the \$34 million transit site.

"We're very excited about this new development," said Skip Schwab, Director of Operations at East Liberty Development, Inc. "It's because of partnerships like these with the City of Pittsburgh, The Mosites Company, and the Mayor's Office that growth continues to happen in East Liberty."

The updated transit center, to be located at the corner of Penn and Shady Avenues, will improve bike and pedestrian access to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Busway. It will replace the current busway station, the busiest Port Authority station in the county.

Plans include open-air pedestrian



ABOVE: Artist's rendering of proposed East Liberty Transit Center. Photo courtesy eltransitcenter.tod.com

bridges, increased secure bicycle parking and improved bus shelters. It will be part of the Eastside III redevelopment, a privately funded project from The Mosites Company. This development will bring short- and long-term jobs to East Liberty, further sparking neighborhood growth.

"This grant will spur a whole new wave of development in East Liberty," said Schwab. "As hotels, Bakery Square 2.0 and other businesses come to the area, this revitalized transit center will connect thousands of people to these assets and others already established in the neighborhood." ♦

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promoted a strong sense of community in the groups by being physically divided into "houses," separate spaces for each of the learning communities that encouraged interaction within each group. Peabody's layout is not as conducive to fostering the learning communities, with classrooms opening off long hallways, but Walters said, "We'll make it work."

As a magnet school, any student in Pittsburgh may apply to attend Pittsburgh Obama 6-12 through the district's magnet school application. A direct benefit to students who receive the IB diploma is that many universities in the United States give them automatic sophomore status. Walters noted that this can benefit the students "academically and financially."

However, Walters cautioned, "Ours is a rigorous program. We look for students who are up to the challenge."

He explained further, "You don't have to be the smartest student, but you have to be willing to do the work and engage in thinking and understanding why."

The goal of the program is to create "well-rounded, globally competitive students," Walters said. This is achieved through a focus on multiple subjects including humanities, arts, math and second-language acquisition. Spanish, French, German and Japanese are offered as second languages.

Walters said he is excited about the future of the school in its new location. "We look forward to being part of a new community and engaging in new partnerships."

The Reizenstein site was sold to RGC Longview and Walnut Capital who intend to turn it into Bakery Square 2.0, a mixed-use development. ♦

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