BFIT selling South End campus

By Sue O’Connell

The Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (BFIT) is selling its South End campus to raise funds to expand in another location in Boston, according to an article in The Boston Globe.

The BFIT campus consists of three buildings on approximately one-acre at Berkeley and Appleton streets.

President Anthony Benzil told the Globe that BFIT hopes to be in its new home by the fall of 2022. The school was founded in 1948.

Guest Opinion

Bring Back the Funding for Blackstone School

Submitted via change.org

Post by Laura Perille, Nate Koder, Janed-Adams-Shark, Michael Locanto

With the new proposed budget for School Year 2019-2020 the Blackstone will be facing yet another big budget gap. If this projected budget is approved it will take away approximately $50,000 from the existing budget, as the school transitions from Innovation status to Schedule X.

The following positions will potentially be cut:
1. 1:1 Multiple Disability Teacher
2. School Counselor

Community

2019 Community Guide

Is something missing in the South End News Community Guide? Please let us know by emailing guide.southEndnews@gmail.com

Community Centers/Youth Programs/

- Boston Center for South and Families (BCSF) Blackstone Community Center: 50 West Brookline St., (617)605-5162, youthblackstone.org
- Boston City Light Foundation Dance Studio, 1154 Washington St., (617)695-2856, bootscitylight.org
- Cooper Community Center, 1892 Washington St., (617)445-1813, coopercc.org
- Ellis Memorial and Eldridge House 95 Berkeley St., (617)695-9937, ellismemorial.org
- BCFY Quincy Community Center, 885 Washington St., (617)655-5129
- South End Youth Baseball, southendyouthbaseball.com
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the Taste of South End Host Committee. “The money raised by Taste of the South End supports AIDS Action’s vital work with people living with HIV as well as those who are vulnerable to infection. The average client of AIDS Action has an annual income of less than $10,000 a year, and AIDS Action’s services make it possible for many of them to remain healthy while dealing with HIV’s other challenges.”

“We always look forward to Taste of the South End. Mistral supports Taste every year and in March we’ll bring along our newest restaurant concept, Bar Lyon,” said Mark D’Alessandro, general manager of Mistral. “We look forward to seeing friends and new at Taste of the South End where we’ll enjoy delicious food from the many talented chefs and restaurants in the Boston area while helping raise critical funds for AIDS Action and the battle of wiping out HIV/AIDS forever.”

A partial list of participating eateries includes Banyan Bar & Refuge, Bar Lyon, Bar Mezzo, Boston Chops South End, Brownstone, Don’t Habit, Five Horse Tavern, Flour Bakery + Cafe, FoMu, Formaggio Kitchen South End, Fuji At Ink Block, The Gallows, Haley House Bakery Cafe, Lion’s Tail, Mama Latin Kitchen + Tequila Bar, MIDA, Mistral Restaurant, Pecco, Precinct Kitchen + Bar, Shine Leave, South End Buttery, STK, and Whaling In Oklahoma.

Diageo, official liquor sponsor, will be sampling creative cocktails using their brands Ketel One Vodka, Don Julio Tequila, and Bulletproof Whiskey. Sponsors include Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Diageo (Ketel One, Don Julio, and Bulletproof Whiskey), and Whole Foods.

Taste of the South End also features a silent auction, mystery bag and a wine toss game, where guests can find a huge array of fabulous prizes including trips, food and wine experiences, and tickets to upcoming shows and events.

Admission to Taste of the South End is limited to those 21 years of age or older. Tickets are available at http://tasteofsouthend.org/attend/

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for FY20 finally provides adequate funding for ELLs but at the expense of Special Education (SPED) students. We should not have to choose between our ELLs and our SPED students. Both programs must be fully resourced. Schools must not be put in the position to make deep cuts that affects multiple high-need stands disproportionately. This is not the choice in our suburban counterparts, this should not be a choice in the city of Boston.

Sign the petition at change.org, search Blackstone School.
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- South End Football League: southeendfootballleague.com
  welcome@7ur@southeendpw
- St. Stephen’s Youth Program, 419 Shunpike Avenue, (617) 262-9070
- Center for Teen Empowerment, 384 Warren Street, (617) 356-2466 x 312, teenempowerment.org
- United South End Settlements, 306 Columbus Ave., (617) 356-8610, uses.org

Community Services and Organizations

- Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) 554 Columbus Ave., (617) 267-7115, abcddc.org/centers/abcddcswain@bostonchac.org
- AIDS Action Committee, 7 Armory Street, Roxbury, (617) 559-6203 hspt@aac.org
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- Animal Rescue League of Boston, 16 Chandler Street, (617) 426-9170, Shelter and adoption center, veterinary care, law enforcement, animal rescue services
- Boston Children’s Hospital and Independent Living, 60 Temple Pl., 5th floor, (617) 538-6665, bostonch.org Services for the disabled
- Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, 780 Albany St., (617) 654-1000, bhch.org
- Casa Myrna Vasquez, (617) 521-0100, casmynavasquez.org, info@casmynavasquez.org
- Church of the Ascension, 136-287 Columbus Ave., (617) 927-2500, cityyear.org
- Ellis Memorial and Eldredge House 91 Berkeley St., (617) 995-9399, ellismemoro.org
- Greater Boston Food Bank, 70 Bay Avenue, (617) 427-5200 https://www.gbf.org
- Haley House, 2 Dartmouth St., (617) 268-3122, haleyhouse.org Nutritional services, vocational training for youth and low-income adults
- Salvation Army Harbor Light Center, alcohol and drug rehab, 87 Shawmut Ave., (617) 356-7640
- Hope House 8 Faneuil St., (617) 971-9360, hopehouseboston.org, info@hopehouseboston.org
- Hope House Boston
- MALE Center, gay and bisexual men’s drop-in center, 16 Howard Street, (617) 450-1987, aac.org/malecenter
- Pine Street Inn, 444 Harrison Ave., (617) 892-9100, pinestreetinn.org
- Project Place, 1145 Washington St., (617) 542-3740, projectplace.org
- Rosie’s Place, 819 Harrison Ave., (617) 442-9322, rosiesplace.org, multi-service organization for poor and homeless women
- Salvation Army, 1500 Washington St., (617) 356-5260, salvationarmy.org
- South End Branch Library, 485 Tremont Street, (617) 536-6281
- South End Business Alliance, (617) 304-4421, seboston.com
- South End Historical Society, 532 Mass. Ave., (617) 356-4449, southendhistoricalsociety.org
- South End Technology Center, 395 Columbus Ave., (617) 358-0597, techcenterlightensociety.org
- South Huntington Park Street Clinic, 312 Southampton Street, (617) 354-6100
- Washington Gateway Main Street, 40 Waterview St., (617) 42-1245, gatewaymainstreet.org
- United South End Settlements, 306 Columbus Ave., (617) 356-8610, uses.org
- Woods-Mullen Shelter, 794 Massachusetts Ave., (617) 554-7010, Women’s shelter

Cultural Organizations

- The Art Connection, 51 Tremont St. (617) 358-7688, theartconnection.org
- Boston Ballet, 19 Clarendon St. (617) 695-6950, bostonballet.com
- Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St. (617) 426-5800, bostoncenter.org
- Boston CityWrights Foundation Dance Studio, 1145 Washington St. (617) 693-2856, bostoncitywrights.org

Elderly Services

- City of Boston Age Strong Commission, City Hall Room 271, 617-635-4366.
- Bus Buddies, assists to help seniors get around on MBTA. (617) 635-4366
- CellarKitchen, (617) 635-3000, free rides to non-emergency medical appointments in the city.
- Elderhostel, (617) 635-4966, half-price coupons for Boston cats in various locations
- Community Calgary bursaries, Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM-10:00 PM, Tenants Development Corporation (TDC) 23 Wel.

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- Ninth Suffolk District: Jon Santiago (Fenway, Kenmore Square, Prudential Apartments, Copley Place, South End, St. Botolph, (617) 722-2125, jon.santiago@nahome.gov
- State Senator: Sonia Chang-Diaz (Parts of Back Bay and Beacon Hill, South End, Fenway, Dorchester, Roxbury and Jamaica Plain), (617) 722-1673, Sonia.Chang-Diaz@massachusetts.gov
- Mayor: Marty Walsh, (617) 635-4500, mayor@cityofboston.gov

District councilors

- District 2: Ed Flynn (South Boston, Dorchester, part of South End including Westerly Square and Mass. Ave., Newmarket), (617) 631-4999, Frank.Baker@boston.gov
- District 3: Kim Janey (Roxbury and parts of the South End, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain and the Fenway), (617) 631-5510, Kim.Janey@boston.gov

Elected Officials

- Governor: Charlie Baker, (617) 725-4005

Senators

- Elizabeth Warren, (617) 565-3170, warren.senate.gov

State Representatives

- Third Suffolk District: Aaron Michlewitz (Bay Village, parts of Beacon Hill, South End), (617) 222-2220, Aaron.MMichlewitz@house.gov
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City Councilors at Large

- Annissa Essaibi George, (617) 635-4476, A.E.G@boston.gov
- Michael Flaherty, (617) 635-4205, Michael.FFlaherty@boston.gov
- Andrea Caballero, (617) 635-4217, Adrienne.Caballero@boston.gov
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- Fire: Engine 7 & Special Unit, 618 Harris- ton Ave., and Engine 22, W-25 & Hatz-Mat Unit, 700 Tremont St., 911 or (617) 343-3415
- Neighborhood Associations and Friends Groups
  - Boy Village, boyvillage.net
  - Blackstone/Franklin Square, bsqua.org
  - Chestnut Square, chestnutschequasaociation.org
  - Clarendon Neighborhood Association, cranboston.org
  - Cosmopolitans https://nextdoor.com/ neighborhood/cosmopolitans-boston-ma
  - Eight Streets, eigthestreets.org
  - Ellis South End, ellse.nighborhood.org
  - East Berkeley Neighborhood Association https://www.ebsnabo.org
  - Friends of Blackstone/Franklin Squares bsqua.org
  - Friends of Hayes Park hayespark.org
  - Friends of Peters Park, petespark.org
  - Friends of Ringold Park, ringoldpark.org
  - Friends of South End Branch Library (FOSEL) https://www.friendsoffoundlib- rary.org/

- Friends of Titus Sparrow Park titus- sparrowpark.org
- Hurley Blocks Neighborhood Association http://hurleyblocksneighborhood.org
- Old Dorchester Neighborhood Association olddorchester.org
- Pilot Hill Neighborhood Association PILHILL.org
- Rutland Square Neighborhood Association stephenks@verizon.net
- Rutland Street Neighborhood Association Rutlandso88@gmail.com
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- Union Park Neighborhood Association upna.org
- Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association wsaan.ca
- Office of Neighborhood Services South End/Boys Village/Jarvis, Faiz/Shaar/617/635- 4517, Faiz/Shaar@boston.gov

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You may download the necessary Resident Parking Permit and bring it to City Hall. In addition to the application form, the following two pieces of information must be presented at the Office of the Parking Clerk when applying for a permit:

1. A valid Massachusetts automobile registration showing your car registered and principally garaged in your name from your current Boston address.
2. One of the following proofs of residency hearing your name and Boston address:

- Animal Control Office, Boston City Hall, Animal Control-Room 811, Boston, MA 02040
- Animal Shelter, City of Boston, 26 Mahler Road, Randolph, MA 02368

Places of Worship

- Bahá’í Center of Boston, 505 Albany St., (617) 695-3500, bostonbahai.org
- Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 75 Union Park St., (617) 542-3502, holycrossboston.com
- Columbus Ave. AME Zion Church, 100 Columbus Ave., (617) 266-2788 Concord Baptist Church, 190 Warren Ave., (617) 266-8602, clockboston.org
- Ebenezer Baptist Church, 157 W. Springfield St., (617) 262-7739, ebenezerbap- tistchurchofboston.org
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- Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, 554 Ave. M.
- Grant AME Church, 1906 Washington St., (617) 427-6679
- First Church of Christ Scientist, 175 Hunting Ave., (617) 459-2000, fccst.com
- People’s Baptist Church, 174 Cameron Ave., (617) 427-0424, plenborchester.org
- St. John the Baptist Church, 15 Union Park St., (617) 556-5992, stjohnthebaptist.org
- St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 419 Shawmut Ave., (617) 262-0070, ststephconsto- catholichospitals.org
- United House of Prayer, 206 Seaver St, Dorcester, (617) 342-0185
- Union United Methodist Church, 485 Columbus Ave., (617) 356-0872, gbuu.org/unionboston

Post Office

- 59 West Dedham Street, (617) 616- 0989, Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Public Health Services

- Boston Medical Center, 818 Harrison Ave., (617) 358-8000, bmc.org
- United South End Settlements, 566 Columbus Avenue, (617) 356-8610, usec.org
- South End Community Health Center, 400 Shawmut Avenue, 617- 425-2000, sechc.org

Schools

- ABCD South End Head Start, 100 Shawmut Ave., (617) 926-2655
- Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology, 41 Berkeley Street, 877-400-2348, bift.edu
- Boston Public Schools, (617) 635-9000, bostonpublicSchools.org
- Cathedral Grammar School, 595 Harrison Ave, (617) 723-0912, cathedralgrammar.org
- Cathedral High School, 74 Union Park St, (617) 422-2725, cathedralhighschool.net
- Eastern Nazarene College, 85 West Newton St., (617) 527-1740, enec.edu/programs/ escuidata.html
- J.J. Hurley Elementary, 70 Worcester St., (617) 635-3489, discoverjhu.org

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- Pit Bulls and Pit Bull Mixes: $50
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- Recent photo of your dog no older than 30 days; Recent photo of the owner no older than 30 days; Proof of rabies vaccination; Proof of spay/neuter.
- Unregistered and/or unneutered dogs: $7.
- Also required: proof of current rabies vaccination.
- Spayed and/or neutered dogs: $6. Also required: proof of current rabies vaccination; proof of spay/neuter.
- Applications can be found at: cityof- boston.gov/animacontrol regulation/registrations.asp. General information can be found at cityofboston.gov/residents/animals.asp or by calling the City Hall operator at (617) 635-4000.
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Public Notice is hereby given that the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency (“BPDA”) will consider at its scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2019, starting at 3:30 P.M. in the Board Room – Room 900, 9th Floor, Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square, a proposed modification to the South End Urban Renewal Plan (the “Plan”) regarding Parcel 5 (the “Parcel”). Said modification of the Plan will allow the BRA to modify Section 604 of the Plan to change the Proposed Land Use by setting the proposed land use of the Parcel as open space and allow the “Land Use Controls” to be modified to account for an open space use. This Public Notice is being provided in accordance with a certain “Conciliation Agreement” by and among the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the BRA and others, dated as of January 16, 2001.

Teresa Polhemus, Secretary

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**Alexandra Hotel**

**Public Meeting**

**Thursday, February 7**

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

29-33 Lenox Street
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Alexandra Partners, LLC

**Project Description:**
The Proponent proposes to retain and restore the façade of the existing Hotel Alexandra, and construct a new, approximately 150 room, twelve-story boutique hotel with ground floor restaurant and café space, and a rooftop level bar/restaurant.

**Contact:**
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