

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 Benoit told the Globe that BFIT hopes to be in its new home by the fall of 2022. The school was founded in 1908.



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24th Annual Taste of the South End

Brings Celebrated Chefs Together for AIDS Action Benefit

SUBMITTED BY AIDS ACTION

AIDS Action announces that tickets are now on sale for the 24th annual Taste of the South End. The South End's premier food and wine event will take place Tuesday, March 19 at the Cyclorama of the Boston

Arts Center. Attendees will enjoy small plate culinary creations from the top chefs in Boston's favorite "foodie" neighborhood.

The popular event will also feature live cooking demonstrations, a diverse selection of wine, beer, and spirits to taste, and a silent auction. Taste of the South End is from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Boston Center for the Arts Cyclorama, 539 Tremont Street in Boston. Tickets are \$150; VIP admission is \$200 and includes

a tasting preview beginning at 6 p.m. Proceeds benefit AIDS Action. Tickets are available online: <http://tasteofthesouthend.org/attend/>

"Taste of the South End is fueled by food and wine lovers throughout Greater Boston who not only get to sample specialties from South End's talented chefs, but can also ask questions about their favorite dishes," said Scott Walker of

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Guest Opinion

Bring Back the Funding for Blackstone School

SUBMITTED VIA CHANGE.ORG

Posted by Laura Perille, Nate Kuder, Jamel Adkins-Sharif, Michael Loconto

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 approx. 500,000 from the existing budget, as the school transitions from 'Innovation status to 'Schedule A'.

The following positions will potentially be cut:

- 1.1 Multiple Disability teacher
2. School Counselor

3. 2-3 Inclusion Strand Coordinators

4.1 Family and Community outreach coordinator

5. 2 Community field coordinators

The District's funding formula does not take into account the complex needs at the Blackstone School. Over 90% of the Blackstone's students are designated as "High need" by the district. In addition, the Blackstone has been out of compliance for our English Language Learners (ELLs) for years. The plan

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2019 Community Guide

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- Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) Blackstone Community Center: 50 West Brookline St., (617) 635-5162, yourblackstone.org
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• Cooper Community Center, 1891 Washington St., (617) 445-1813, cooperctr.org

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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 life'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 old 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 Mezzana, Boston Chops South End, Brownstone, Doña Habana, Five Horses Tavern, Flour Bakery + Cafe, FoMu, Formaggio Kitchen South End, Fuji At Ink block, The Gallows, Haley House Bakery Cafe, Lion's Tail, Masa Latin Kitchen + Tequila Bar, MIDA, Mistral Restaurant, Picco, Precinct Kitchen + Bar, Shore Leave, South End Buttery, SRV, and Whaling In Oklahoma. Diageo, official liquor sponsor, will be sampling creative cocktails using their brands Ketel One Vodka, Don Julio Tequila, and Bulleit Frontier Whiskey. Sponsors include Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Diageo (Ketel One, Don Julio, and Bulleit 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 available at: <http://tasteofthesouthend.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 needs strands disproportionately. This is not the choice in our suburban counterparts, this should not be a choice in the city of Boston.

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- South End / Lower Roxbury Youth Workers' Alliance, 31 Lenox St. (617)442-9800, youthworkersalliance.org, ywa@youthworkersalliance.org
- United South End Artists, useaboston.org
- Urbanity Dance, 1180 Washington St #100, (617) 572-3727
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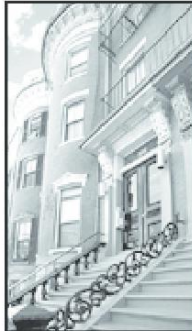
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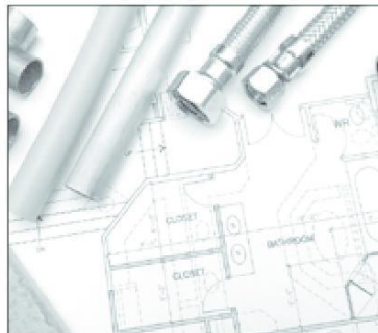
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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D/B/A BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("BPDA")
PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL PLAN,
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56 FOR PARCEL 5

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



Public Meeting

Alexandra Hotel

Thursday, February 7
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

29-33 Lenox Street
St. Augustine's and St. Martin's
Church Boston, MA 02118

Project Proponent:
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.

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Close of Comment Period:
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