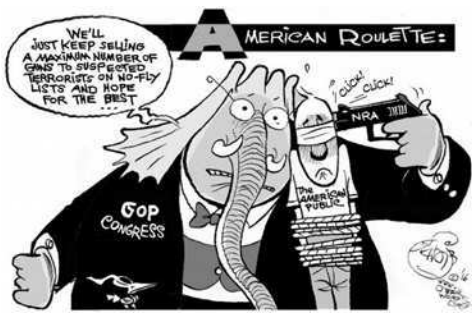


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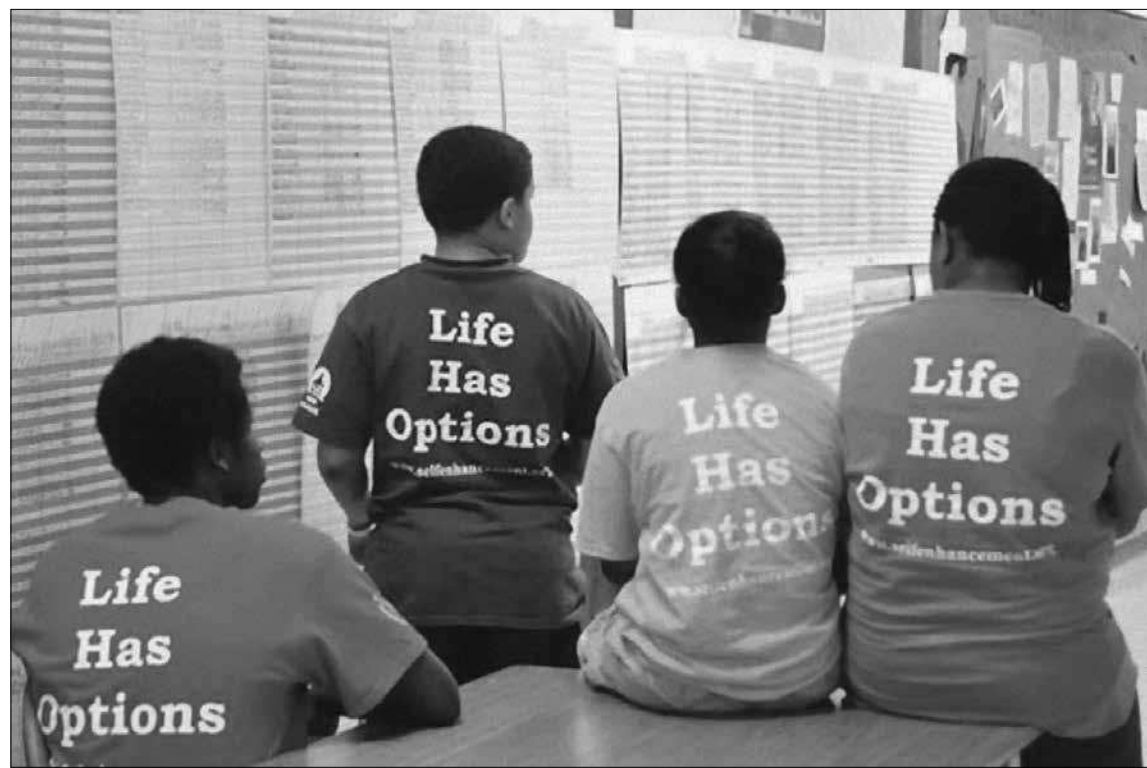
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## LOCAL NEWS



Self Enhancement, Inc. (SEI) helps local youth realize their full potential by working with schools, families, and partner community organizations to provide support, guidance, and opportunities to achieve personal and academic success. (Photo from SEI website)

### SEI to Close Academy

Student services will transfer to re-opened middle schools

BY CERVANTE POPE  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER  
Local nonprofit Self-Enhancement, Inc. is shutting down their famed SEI Academy charter school at the end of the next school year and won't be accepting any more sixth graders for its closing year.

A letter sent to parents earlier this month from SEI President and Chief Executive Officer Tony

Hopson provided some detail into the reasons for the closure, stating that there is no longer an existent need for their services now that Portland Public Schools is going to offer a standard middle school structure again in north and north-east Portland.

SEI's Academy started 12 years ago due to a lack of middle school options in the Jefferson High School area. Shortly after,

as Hopson states in the letter, PPS switched to a K-8 structure which fully eliminated the typical middle school framework.

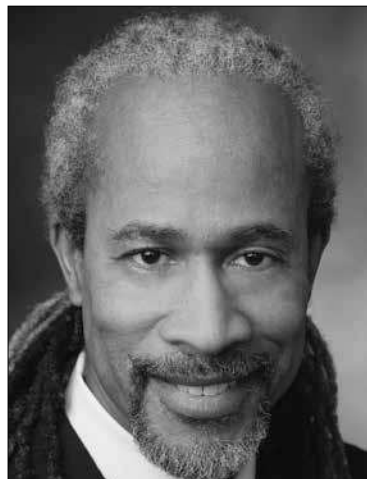
The district is now planning to re-open Ockley Green at North Montana and Ainsworth as a middle school for grades 6-8 in the coming year and the Tubman Campus located on North Flint

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### Joining Port of Portland Commission Former Urban League official named to policy role

Retired Urban League of Portland president and chief executive officer, and seasoned healthcare-industry leader, Michael Alexander, was recently appointed by Oregon Gov. Kate Brown to the Port of Portland Commission.

During Alexander's leadership of the Urban League of Portland from summer 2012 through spring 2015, he made great strides in restoring fiscal discipline to the organization's operations, reconnecting with key business and foundation partners, and re-engaging the organization's base of supporters. The



Michael Alexander

mission of the non-profit, community-based organization is empowering African Americans and other Oregonians to achieve equality in education, employment, and economic security.

During Alexander's extensive healthcare-industry career, he served in executive roles at Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon, Magellan Behavioral Health, and Aetna. He currently serves on the boards of LifeWorks Northwest, the American Leader-

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