School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon

Portland Public Schools

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

For the year ended June 30, 2008

Central School

The mission of the Portland Public Schools is to support all students in achieving their very highest educational and personal potential, to inspire in them an enduring love for learning, and prepare them to contribute as citizens of a diverse, multicultural, and international community.

About the cover

The cover image is an 1896 photograph of Central School which was the first facility built by Portland Public Schools. Its doors first opened May 17, 1858, with James Terwilliger as principal. The site, then known as James Field's block, was described as a clearing in a forest of old growth fir spires. Today the site is known as Pioneer Courthouse Square.

After additions and renovations, Central School was moved in 1883 to a nearby block to make way for the Portland Hotel. It was moved again in 1885 as the city of Portland was rapidly expanding. The building continued to be utilized as a school and also for commercial purposes until it was razed in 1910.

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