

Are Indy's Educational Wars Ending?

or

Was our IPS ever at war charters?

The May 28, 2017 Sunday *Indy Star* editorial, "A sign the education wars are ending" covered the vote last Thursday (May 25) by the IPS board to make the Classical-oriented Herron "Master Narrative"* High School (HMNHS) a part of our IPS. See: www.indystar.com/story/opinion/2017/05/26/editorial-sign-education-wars-ending/102190326/

Oddly, while planning on closing at least 3 high schools, IPS adds this one. Go figure?

Yet, when we do "figure" and connect the dots, we see programs like HMNHS use rationale big city power real estate brokers like: that such schools can "revitalize" neighborhoods/areas (Marking, 2014).

Also known as "Gentrification" by the displaced indigenous residents who become "urban refugees" hunting a new place to live, critically conscious citizens have to ask if the "better neighborhoods" which accompany such schools are better for what, for whom, and for what social order?

Herron "Master Narrative" High School & gentrification

In this light then, we can't forget that one of the major urban outcomes of Indy schools like the HMNHS is gentrification: note the development of "Tinker St" aka E.16th (Smith, 2015; Olson, 2016). HMNHS sits at Pennsylvania and E. 16th; "Tinker" runs east ending at Roosevelt Ave.

Now, get ready for the new Riverside "Master Narrative" High School: Catalyzing the gentrification of Riverside

Just think: why live north of 38th St./Hamilton Co. when you can live, work, and play the in the greater Riverside area: 3 fine public golf courses, historic Riverside Park and its Family Recreation Center (gym & fun pool/waterslide), the beautiful White River, old homes to refurbish, scenic Burdsal Pkwy—and minutes from the IUPUI/Eskenazi & VA hospitals/Marian U. campuses...let alone downtown Indy and Long's Bakery!

But wait...there's more: the area will be developed through the \$75M from the City-Co. Council for the planned Tech 16 Innovation Community—a 50-acre technology park along Indiana Ave. north of Eskenazi/Fall Creek and south of W. 16th St. See: www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2015/11/09/city-county-council-oks-75m-indianapolis-tech-park/75475124/

These families of professionals gentrifying Riverside/Tech 16 will have a boutique elementary school (see the new Mind Trust enabled Global Prep Academy in the old IPS/Riverside school #44) and a Riverside college prep high school with a Classical curriculum.

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