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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Community will break ground on new school in City Heights

Mary Lanyon Fay Elementary named for well-known civic leader

What: Groundbreaking Ceremony for Mary Lanyon Fay Elementary School

When: **Thursday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Where: 4080 52nd Street, San Diego, CA 92105
From University Avenue, go north on 52nd Street to Otilie Place, west on Otilie Place, north on 51st to Polk Avenue. Enter construction site at Polk.

Special Guests/ Speakers

- **Family members of Mary Lanyon Fay**
- Third-grade class, Jackson Elementary School (performing a song)
- Geno Flores, Deputy Superintendent, San Diego City Schools
- Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee
- Shelia Jackson, Member, Board of Education

Background: Mary Lanyon Fay Elementary School, scheduled to open in September 2007, is named for the longest serving SDCS Board of Education member. Mary Lanyon Fay was ahead of her time when she was appointed to the Board in 1937. During her 18-year tenure, she served as president and vice president, and advocated for the hiring of the first African-American teachers in the school district.

The new school, situated on 6.3 acres in City Heights, will be built to serve 700 students. (K-5). Features include 32 classrooms, a library, multipurpose room, state-of-the-art technology, energy efficient design features and a grass playfield.

The project is funded by Proposition MM, the \$1.51 billion bond measure passed by San Diego voters in 1998. Proposition MM is funding the modernization of 161 existing schools and construction of 12 new and three rebuilt schools.

Visuals/ Media Availability

- Family of Mary Lanyon Fay
- Performance by third-grade students
- Board members, district leaders, community members and students
- Breaking of the Ground