



# SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Freese Elementary dedicates brand-new library and classroom building**

- What:** Ribbon Cutting & Dedication of New Library and Classroom Building at Freese Elementary
- When:** **Wednesday, February 25, 2004**  
**2:00 – 2:30 p.m.**
- Where:** Freese Elementary School  
8140 Greenlawn Drive – Thomas Bros. 1290-H4
- Program:**
- Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem
  - Welcome by Principal Midge Backensto
  - Singing performances by students
  - Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
  - Students entering library for first time
  - Tours and Refreshments
- Background:** **Freese Elementary's** colorful new library will house book collections, computers and space to support teaching and learning. The new two-story classroom building has allowed the school to remove portable classrooms from the site. Proposition MM also funded major renovations at Freese, including technology upgrades for Internet access, a new lunch arbor, improved access for the physically disabled, and repairs such as painting, roofing, flooring, etc.
- Proposition MM was passed overwhelmingly by 78% of San Diego voters in 1998. The \$1.51 billion, 10-year bond measure funds modernization at 165 existing schools and construction of 16 new/rebuilt schools to support student achievement throughout the district. 100 percent of construction dollars have gone to San Diego firms to support the local economy, and 40 percent of construction dollars have gone to small and minority businesses. **Proposition MM is not affected by the state or district budget crisis. Proposition MM funds are solely dedicated to projects as outlined in the ballot.**
- Media Availability** Principal, parents, students, district leaders