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Scripps Ranch will break ground on \$57 million middle school

- What:** Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Future Thurgood Marshall Middle School
- When:** **Wednesday, November 16, 10:00 a.m.**
- Where:** 9700 Avenue of Nations, San Diego, CA (Scripps Ranch)
From I-15, go right/east on Miramar/Pomerado Road exit. Right on Avenue of Nations (Alliant Int'l University entrance.) Take immediate left and follow Avenue of Nations to construction site.
- Program** Performance by Band and Choir students from the current Marshall Middle School
Comments by Guest Speakers and Principal
Breaking of the Ground/"First Dig"
- Speakers**
- **Dr. Carl A. Cohn, Superintendent**
 - **Katherine Nakamura, Member, Board of Education**
 - **Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee**
 - **Rick Novak, Principal, Thurgood Marshall Middle School (current and future)**
- Background:** The Future Thurgood Marshall Middle School will open in Fall 2007 to serve 1,800 Scripps Ranch students in 6th – 8th grades.
- The new school will help relieve overcrowding and establish regular grade configurations throughout Scripps Ranch. The current Marshall Middle School will revert to an elementary school to accommodate students from E.B. Scripps Elementary, which was built as a temporary school.
- Design Details:** The new 162,000-square-foot campus, which spans 26 acres, will feature:
- Three 3-story classroom buildings at 35,000 square feet each
 - Performing Arts Theater with 298 seats
 - Library
 - Multipurpose building
 - P.E. building
 - Administration building
 - Six acres of joint use playfields, two competition tennis courts and six multipurpose courts
 - Energy efficient design features and state of the art technology
- Contract and design costs are \$42 million, and land cost was \$15 million. The new school is funded by Proposition MM, the \$1.51 billion bond measure passed by San Diego voters in 1998.
- Visuals/
Media
Availability**
- Current Marshall Middle School students and Principal breaking the ground
 - 200 community members, parents and students
 - Board members and district leaders

