



# SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Students to dedicate brand-new school**

#### ***Walter J. Porter Elementary School in southeastern San Diego celebrates grand opening***

- What:** Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Walter J. Porter Elementary School
- When:** Thursday, March 23, 2006  
9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
- Where:** 4800 T Street, San Diego, CA 92113  
*(Int. 805 to Imperial Ave. East on Imperial Ave. South on S. 47<sup>th</sup> St. East on T Street.)*
- Speakers/  
Dignitaries:**
- **Dr. Carl Cohn**, Superintendent of San Diego City Schools
  - **Shelia Jackson**, Member, Board of Education
  - **Luis Acle**, President, Board of Education
  - **Anthony Young**, City Council President Pro Tem, District 4
  - **Yvette Porter-Moore**, daughter of the late Walter Porter
  - **Evva Cross**, Principal
- Program:** Program will include singing by students, a dance performance by the Porter Elementary Lady Pink Panther Dance Troupe, comments by guest speakers, and students cutting the red ribbon.
- Background:** Walter Porter Elementary, a new school in Lincoln Park, was built by Proposition MM, the \$1.51 billion bond measure passed by San Diego voters in 1998. The new school opened its doors on January 17, 2006. It replaces the old Kennedy Elementary, which has been demolished.

The late Dr. Walter J. Porter was president of the local NAACP, founded the annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade, and was founding Dean of Student Services at the Educational Cultural Complex in southeastern San Diego. He attended 14 colleges, earned four degrees, and often said, "With education, the world is open to you."

Proposition MM is also funding construction of 14 other new and rebuilt schools, as well as renovation of 161 existing schools.