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Construction and maintenance teams don't stop when school's out

School construction in full force at San Diego City Schools

- What:** School renovations kick into high gear during winter break
- When:** Through Friday, January 3 (students return on Monday, January 6)
- Where:** Nearly all 185 school sites
- Background:** While students are out of school for winter break, the construction and maintenance teams at San Diego City Schools are taking on an aggressive project schedule without having to disrupt the learning environment. Much of the work is funded by Proposition MM, the \$1.51 billion bond measure passed in 1998 that funds modernization of 165 existing schools and 16 new and rebuilt schools. Proposition MM projects include:

- construction of new library and classroom buildings, lunch court shelters, and science labs,
- installation of Internet technology,
- improved access for the physically disabled (elevators, ramps), and
- other major renovations, such as new flooring, electrical upgrades, roofing, painting and fire alarm testing.

Proposition MM and other maintenance projects are in place year-round. However, the school district takes advantage of winter, summer and spring breaks to complete projects that are otherwise disruptive to the classroom.

Students started winter break on Monday, December 23, and will return to school on Monday, January 6.

**Media
Availability/
B-roll**

Contact the Communications Office at 619-725-5578 to make interview arrangements with a district spokesperson or to identify active construction sites for b-roll. Note that the Communications Office is closed on Tuesday, Dec. 31, and Wednesday, Jan. 1.