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NEWS RELEASE

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Site selected for new elementary school in Normal Heights

New school will alleviate overcrowding at Adams and Franklin schools

SAN DIEGO – The Normal Heights community will have a new elementary school by Fall 2006 to relieve overcrowding at the current Adams and Franklin elementary schools. The Board of Education approved the acquisition of a 5.9-acre site at its December 10, 2002, meeting, in a vote of 4-1, with de Beck voting no. This is the fifth school site the Board has approved this year. The site is the least costly of the three options considered and has the least impact on affordable housing.

Location: The new school site, known as Alternative Site A, is adjacent to the new 39th Street Park. It is bound on the north by Edna Place and East Mountain View Drive, on the south by the alley between Madison Avenue and Ward Road, on the east by the alley between 38th and 39th Streets and 39th Street Park, and on the west by the alley behind existing residential units, immediately east of East Mountain View Drive/Madison Avenue.

Cost: The new school is estimated to cost \$45.7 million and will serve 700-900 students. It is funded by Proposition MM, the \$1.51 billion bond measure passed by 78 percent of voters in 1998. Proposition MM funds the construction of 16 new and rebuilt schools and major facilities modernization of 165 existing schools to support teaching and learning.

Next steps: The school site decision comes after two years of community meetings and comprehensive review of several sites for demographic, practical, fiscal, environmental and instructional issues. Next steps:

- Relocation of 345 residents and demolition of eight single-family and 149 multi-family dwelling units. All owners and tenants will receive full relocation assistance and benefits in accordance with state law.
- Community members will work with the school district and architect on naming and design of the new school.

Schedule: Construction will begin in Spring 2005, and the school is scheduled to open in Fall 2006.

Who to contact: Residents who have questions about this project may contact the San Diego City Schools School Construction Hotline at 619-725-5588 (English) , 619-725-7419 (Spanish), or send an e-mail to repairs@mail.sandi.net. For maps and reports on the new school site, go to www.sandi.net/repairs.

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