



SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

EUGENE BRUCKER EDUCATION CENTER
4100 Normal Street, San Diego, CA 92103-2682

Phone: (619) 725-5578
Fax: (619) 725-5576

NEWS RELEASE

June 21, 2004

Proposition MM reaches \$1 billion milestone in contracts awarded

SAN DIEGO – This month, San Diego City Schools surpassed the \$1 billion milestone in the value of contracts awarded in its Proposition MM program. Of that, \$875.6 million has been expended, and approximately 60 percent of work has been completed.

Proposition MM is the \$1.51 billion facilities bond measure approved by San Diego voters in 1998. It is funding the modernization of 165 existing schools in San Diego; projects include new libraries, new science labs, new classroom buildings, technology infrastructure, access for the physically disabled and major repairs (roofing, interior/exterior painting, fencing, electrical, plumbing, water in classrooms, lunch court shelters, ceiling tile, flooring, etc.). To date, 87 schools are completed and the remainder of schools are near completion or in progress. The modernization program will be completed by the end of 2005, two years ahead of original schedules.

The program is now entering its new school phase, which includes the construction of 12 new schools and reconstruction of three existing schools. Five schools will open in September 2005, and six will open in September 2006. Two schools will open in 2007, and one school will open in September 2008. Ellen Browning Scripps Elementary opened in September 2001.

To date, more than 98 percent of construction dollars have gone to San Diego-based firms, with more than 40 percent going to emerging business enterprises, including businesses owned by minorities, women and disabled veterans.

###

Serving more than 138,000 students, San Diego City Schools is the second largest school district in California, with 200 educational facilities and more than 14,500 full-time equivalent positions. SDCS is improving student achievement by focusing on challenging education in reading, writing and mathematics. The district is committed to supporting schools and enhancing the classroom learning environment through modernized facilities and resources and through parent, teacher and community involvement in the educational process.

“The mission of San Diego City Schools is to improve student achievement by supporting teaching and learning in the classroom.”