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Bob Kiesling named Chief Facilities Officer for San Diego City Schools

SAN DIEGO - The San Diego City Schools (SDCS) Board of Education has named Bob Kiesling as Chief Facilities Officer, effective July 1, 2004. He will lead all Facilities Management functions, including the implementation of Proposition MM, the district's \$1.51 billion bond measure that is funding the modernization of 165 existing schools and construction of 15 new/rebuilt schools. Kiesling will also be responsible for Maintenance & Operations and the district's real estate holdings and activities. San Diego City Schools is the second largest school district in California with 138,000 students, 18,800 employees and 200 educational facilities.

Kiesling has more than 30 years of experience in the field and has worked in a variety of positions and organizations during his career.

"Kiesling's experience and expertise in facilities and Proposition MM will provide continuity within the San Diego City Schools Facilities Management Branch," said Superintendent Alan Bersin. "He is well-respected by the district's central office and school site administrators."

Prior to joining San Diego City Schools, Kiesling spent 26 years in the Navy Civil Engineer Corps where he was responsible for the design and/or construction of several major programs, including \$200 million for new Reserve Centers around the country; \$200 million for new facilities at NAS New Orleans, La.; \$300 million for a new hospital and other facilities at Travis AFB, Calif.; and \$600 million for a new base at 29 Palms, Calif. In addition, he was responsible for facilities maintenance (Maintenance & Operations) at bases in New London, Conn.; New Orleans, La.; and San Diego, Calif. Upon retiring from the Navy, he worked for six years in the private sector for two local San Diego civil engineering firms designing roads, public works infrastructure and public facilities.

Since coming to the district, Kiesling spent three years as Director of Acquisition and Asset Management, which included responsibility for award of all design, construction and support contracts for Proposition MM, as well as a full range of property acquisition and management duties. Most recently, he served as Interim Chief Facilities Officer with responsibility for managing all Facilities Management functions.

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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."