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NEWS RELEASE

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Report available for proposed new middle school

Community meeting to be held on January 27, 2005

SAN DIEGO – A draft Environmental Impact Report that examines three potential sites for a new middle school in southeast San Diego is now available. The new Memorial Area Middle School, scheduled to open in Fall 2008, will relieve overcrowding at Memorial Academy and other area schools.

The report analyzes three potential sites to determine what impact the school will have on the community and environment. Site A is located north of Ocean View Boulevard between 36th Street and 38th Street. Site B is located east of 43rd Street between Logan Avenue and Keeler Avenue. Site C is located west of 43rd Street between Beta Street and Delta Street.

An open community meeting regarding the report findings will be held on January 27, 2005, at 6 p.m. at the Memorial Academy auditorium, 2850 Logan Avenue.

The draft Environmental Impact Report is available for review at these locations:

- San Diego Public Library Central Branch (820 E Street)
- San Diego Public Library Beckwourth Branch (721 San Pasqual Street)
- San Diego City Schools Maintenance & Operations Center Annex (4860 Ruffner Street, Room 1)
- San Diego City Schools website at www.sandi.net/propmm/MemorialMiddle.htm.

The school district is accepting written comments from agencies and the public. **All comments must be received in writing no later than February 21, 2005.** Please send comments to the school district's environmental consultant: Mr. Jim Harry, c/o Mooney & Associates, 9903 Businesspark Avenue, San Diego, CA 92131.

The environmental review process gives community members, property owners and tenants an opportunity to comment on the project and to speak at community meetings and to the Board of Education prior to the certification of the Environmental Impact Report. Community involvement will ensure the selection of the new middle school site is done in an open and collaborative manner.

For more information on this project, you may contact the school district's environmental consultant Mr. Jim Harry, Mooney & Associates, at (858) 578-8964, or the school district's civil/environmental engineering coordinator, Mr. Jim Bray, at (858) 573-5773. For maps, timelines and other information, go to: www.sandi.net/propmm/MemorialMiddle.htm.

The new middle school is funded by Proposition MM, the \$1.51 billion bond measure passed by 78 percent of San Diego voters in 1998.