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NEWS RELEASE

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School district begins review of three middle school sites

Proposed middle school will open in Fall 2008

SAN DIEGO – San Diego City Schools will prepare an Environmental Impact Report to study three potential sites for the new Memorial Area Middle School. The new school, scheduled to open in Fall 2008, will be located in the area of Southcrest, Mountain View, Mount Hope or Shelltown. The new school will relieve overcrowding at Memorial Academy and other area schools. It is funded by Proposition MM, the \$1.51 billion bond measure passed by 78 percent of San Diego voters in 1998.

Three potential sites were selected based on community input gathered over the past year. 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.

The school district will conduct technical studies for each potential site to determine what impact the school will have on the community and environment.

To start the environmental review process, the school district has issued a Notice of Preparation and Initial Study (NOP/IS). The NOP/IS is available at:

- 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 regarding the scope of the Environmental Impact Report. **All comments must be received in writing no later than October 18, 2004.** 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.