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Carson Elementary students will dedicate new library

Ribbon cutting will be accompanied by traditional African drummer

What: Ribbon Cutting For New Library

When: **Wednesday, July 9, 2003**
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Where: Carson Elementary School
6905 Kramer Street
San Diego, CA 92111
(Linda Vista / Thomas Brothers 1268-J1)

Program:

- Traditional **African drummer** will perform at the time of the ribbon cutting
- Student performances
- **Remarks by special guests:** Frances O'Neill Zimmerman, Board Member; and Dr. Paula Cordeiro, Dean of the School of Education, USD
- Visit by **SDSU football players**
- Grand opening, tour and refreshments
- Readings by Dr. Annjennette McFarlin, **professional storyteller**

Background: Carson's new library, funded by Proposition MM, will house book collections, computers, space for reading, and a teacher workroom. Proposition MM also funded major repairs and renovation at Carson, including technology upgrades for Internet access, a new lunch court shelter, improved access for the physically disabled, painting, roofing, flooring, etc. Proposition MM, a \$1.51 billion bond measure, also funds modernization at 165 existing schools and construction of 16 new/rebuilt schools to support student achievement throughout the district.

Carson Elementary, a year-round school, enrolls nearly 600 students, 90 percent of whom are of non-white backgrounds.

Visuals:

- Performance by traditional African drummer at the time of ribbon cutting
- Students entering library for the first time, trying out computers, reading books
- In attendance: hundreds of students, parents, district staff, Board Members, community leaders