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Susie Sovereign appointed principal of Herbert Ibarra Elementary

New Proposition MM school to open in September 2005

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego City Schools Board of Education approved Susie Sovereign as principal of Herbert Ibarra Elementary in City Heights, scheduled to open in September 2005. The school is one of 12 new schools funded by Proposition MM. Over the coming months, Sovereign will work with parents and community to prepare for the opening of the new school.

With more than 20 years in education, Sovereign most recently served as principal of North Park Elementary. She received her bachelor of arts from University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., and her master's degree from San Diego State University. Sovereign's teaching background is in Special Education, having worked with students of all ages who have a range of abilities and disabilities. She was vice principal at Carver Elementary for two years before joining North Park Elementary as principal in September 2000.

Herbert Ibarra Elementary, named for San Diego City School's first Latino principal, will accommodate 700-900 students and relieve overcrowding at Euclid Elementary.

Serving nearly 138,000 students, San Diego City Schools is the second largest school district in California, with approximately 200 educational facilities and more than 14,500 full-time equivalent positions (representing more than 15,800 employees). SDCS is improving student achievement by focusing on challenging instruction in reading, writing and mathematics in preschool (Pre-K) through Grade 12. 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.

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