



**Proposition S Communications Tools/Activities**  
October 9 – December 15, 2009

Proposition S ICOC  
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**Bond Project Lists**

- Sample of site-specific bond project list

**Print Media Coverage**

- The San Diego Daily Transcript*, Dec. 7, "Future of automotive repair coming to Madison High"
- The San Diego Union-Tribune*, Dec. 5, Editorial: "San Diego Unified bond: a new woe"
- The San Diego Union-Tribune*, Dec. 4, "Mechanically inclined"
- The San Diego Daily Transcript*, Oct. 30, "Agreement officially in effect for Prop. S on advertised projects over \$1M"
- The San Diego Union-Tribune*, Oct. 15, "Unions face claims of unfair labor practices"
- The San Diego Daily Transcript*, Oct. 13, "Another discrimination claim comes against school bond measure"
- The San Diego Daily Transcript*, Oct. 9, "Delays in construction projects ahead at San Diego Unified School District"
- Scripps Ranch Civic Association Newsletter*, October, "New Technology Abounds"
- Scripps Ranch Civic Association Newsletter*, October, "Penguins are Cool"

**Web-based media coverage**

- Voice of San Diego*, Dec. 15, "School Repairs Wait While Schoobrary Jumps Ahead"
- Voice of San Diego*, Nov. 10/updated Dec. 3, "Parents Don't Like Delayed Repairs"
- Voice of San Diego*, Oct. 5/updated Dec. 3, "Delaying School Makeovers, Speeding Up the Schoobrary"

**Broadcast Media Coverage**

- KUSI (5/91) Madison automotive facility, Oct. 3, 6 and 6:30 p.m.

**News Releases/Media Advisories**

- Madison Automotive Facility

**Stakeholder Communications**

- Friday Notes (web/e-newsletter):
  - "All 2009 Contracts Awarded," Dec. 11
  - "Quick Bond Filing Earns National Praise," Nov. 13
  - "Construction Begins on Madison High's New Automotive Facility," Nov. 13
  - "Prop. S Helps Support Joint-use Field in La Jolla," Nov. 6
  - "Proposition S Outreach Efforts Vie for 'President's Award for Diversity,'" Oct. 30
  - "PSA Contactor Orientation," Oct. 16
- Letters/Notices
  - Construction letters—Madison HS, Muirlands MS, and San Diego HS

**Speaking Engagements**

- University City High School's Centurion Foundation (Markey), Dec. 10

**Meetings/Events**

- Point Loma HS Site Master Plan meeting, Dec. 14
- Millennial Tech MS/Gompers Academy Site Master Plan meeting, Dec. 3 (last meeting)

**Meetings/Events (continued)**

- Point Loma HS Prop. S meeting, Nov. 16
- San Diego HS Site Master Plan meeting, Oct. 29
- Millennial Tech MS/Gompers Academy Site Master Plan meeting, Oct. 22
- Serra HS Data Center Design Task Force meeting, Oct. 14 and 28
- PSA Orientation Workshops, Oct. 20 and Nov. 17

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- Point Loma HS Site Master Planning meeting (end of January)
- Salk ES public meeting on environmental study, January
- Hoover HS public meeting on environmental study, January
- San Diego HS Site Master Planning meeting, Feb. 10
- Madison HS Site Master Plan meeting, TBD



## Point Loma High School

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2335 Chatsworth Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92106

Built in 1935  
Site Acreage: 6.7 acres  
2024 Students

Ad hoc task force guiding principles were established to assist in developing educational facilities that:

- are the heart and soul of the community
- have parity of the physical facilities and structures
- improve student learning and achievement
- improve accountability

### Site-Specific Bond Project List

The following needs were identified through a comprehensive planning process, which included input from school site representatives to cluster meetings, district departments and other assessment measures.

The language below will be included in the bond resolution:

#### Project Improvements to Support Student Learning and Instruction

- **Retrofit/build spaces to provide new and updated career technical learning environments for the Arts, Media and Entertainment Program and other supporting educational spaces**
- **Modify existing space to provide appropriate music rooms**
- **Provide 21<sup>st</sup> century technology upgrades, including audiovisual projection capabilities for all students**
- **Provide a wireless network (WIFI)**

#### School Improvements to Support Student Health, Safety and Security

- **Replace obsolete fire alarm and emergency communications system**
- **Renovate food service area, including cafeteria, to increase service efficiency and provide healthier food choices**
- **Install security lighting, as well as increase vandalism and intrusion safeguards, including modifications to fencing, to secure site**
- **Remove or minimize risks of any potentially hazardous material throughout the facility**
- **Make structural repairs to meet current seismic standards in buildings**
- **Improve student drop-off and pick-up area**
- **Install/retrofit/repair heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems**

#### Projects to Improve School Accessibility, Code Compliance Upgrades

- **Renovate existing restrooms and renovate locker rooms**
- **Renovate gymnasium building, including elevator and new bleachers, to meet accessibility regulations**
- **Improve accessibility to all classrooms, labs, restrooms, and other school facilities to comply with accessibility regulations, including ADA Title I & II**
- **Install grease trap and three-compartment sink in kitchen**
- **Renovate old bleachers, including press box, and upgrade fields to improve safety and to comply with accessibility regulations**
- **Build new two-story classroom building to replace old portable classrooms**
- **Provide accessible restrooms for stadium**
- **Provide accessible weight room/fitness space**

#### Major Building Systems Repair/Replacement

- **Repair roofing as needed**
- **Repair/upgrade site sidewalks and hardscape areas where needed**
- **Repair/upgrade building interiors, exteriors, finishes and fixtures as needed**
- **Repair/replace outdated heating and air-conditioning systems where needed**
- **Replace aging wiring and upgrade electrical and low voltage systems**
- **Repair/replace/upgrade performance spaces**



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## Future of automotive repair coming to Madison High

By CARLOS RICO, The Daily Transcript

Friday, December 4, 2009

State and local education officials gathered Thursday to officially kick off construction of Madison High School's newest facility, as part of the San Diego Unified School District's Proposition S projects.

In about eight months, students will be able to get a new high-tech and modern education in the car repair industry as a new Automotive Technology Facility is being built.

"This new facility will give students a real opportunity to learn automotive repair with state-of-the-art high-tech equipment," said San Diego Unified District Board of Education Member John Lee Evans.

This \$3.31 million project will have all the latest and greatest equipment in automotive repair, including eight indoor bays, five above ground lifts and two wheel-alignment racks.

The new facility will also have two classrooms, which will each hold 30 students, and a 60-seat stadium-style seating lecture hall that will also be used for student presentations, guest speakers, training space and special events.

Soltek Pacific Construction is in charge of this project and Zagrodnik and Thomas Architects, LLP was the firm that designed the facility.

The new 10,500-square foot facility will be replacing the current one, which is housed in a building constructed in 1962, with three outdoor bays and a small classroom.

The facility is being replaced to give students a new, more advanced way to learn a trade that Evans said will always be needed, especially in the United States.

"This on-the-job training is priceless because it will create jobs that cannot be outsourced," he said, adding that people will not drive out of the county let alone out of the state they live in to get their automobile fixed.

It is anticipated that students will be able to get under the hood and into this new facility by the time the next school year starts in August 2010.

This project is funded by a \$2.36 million Career Technical Education Grant, Proposition 1D, and through Proposition S, a \$2.1 billion school bond measure passed by voters in November 2008 intended to help repair, renovate and build new facilities at each of San Diego Unified's 181 schools.

Currently there is approximately \$43.55 million in projects going on at Madison High due to Proposition S.

Some of these projects at the 46-year-old school include repairs to the roof and building walls; renovations to the gym and locker rooms; and a new building for the arts, media and entertainment program.



## Union-Tribune Editorial



# San Diego Unified bond: a new woe

Saturday, December 5, 2009 at midnight

SAN DIEGO — The Union-Tribune editorial board has repeatedly stated its displeasure with the San Diego Unified School District board's handling of Proposition S, the \$2.1 billion bond measure approved by voters in November 2008.

In January, soon after taking office, the board's new majority swiftly moved to adopt rules that generally require union labor be used on construction and renovation work paid for by the proposition. Members Richard Barrera, John Lee Evans and Shelia Jackson purposefully froze out the bond oversight committee in making this commitment, to the committee's dismay.

They also kept district officials out of the decision-making loop, including then-Superintendent Terry Grier. It could hardly be more obvious that this was a payoff to the labor unions whose campaign donations helped them win election.

Now there is a fresh new reason to worry about what the district will do with Proposition S funds. Nigro, Nigro & White, the local company hired to do an independent performance audit of the bond's handling, is facing sharp criticism from the California League of Bond Oversight Committees.

In a formal complaint to the nonprofit, nonpartisan California Board of Accountancy, the bond oversight league said Nigro, Nigro & White was one of six firms in the state whose performance audits had failed to meet the state constitutional standard of measuring a school district's success in "meeting the full intent of the bond ballot language" and a district's "ability to maximize resources and efficiencies" in bond spending.

We are in no position to judge the accuracy of the bond oversight league's criticism. But if ever there was a school district that was likely to want a superficial audit of a specific bond measure, it is San Diego Unified and Proposition S. Be wary, San Diegans. And worried.

And hopeful that the California Board of Accountancy takes a hard look at the practices of Nigro, Nigro & White.

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On board, investigators found 21 men and one woman, all of whom were wearing personal flotation devices. The boat was taken to Shelter Island, where the driver was turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents. The other

Wednesday night by two men who pushed him into an alley and took his money.

The man was walking south on Palm Avenue near Spring Street about 9:45 p.m. when he was approached by the assailants, La Mesa police said.

At the end of the hearing, Judge Melinda Lasater is expected to decide whether enough evidence exists for Brooks to stand trial. Testimony is expected to continue today,

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the president.

To read the letter, go to <http://bit.ly/8XIMiV>.

SANDRA DIBBLE

Newly built destroyer to arrive home today

SAN DIEGO: A new Navy guided-missile destroyer, the Wayne E. Meyer, is scheduled to arrive at its new San Diego Naval Base home this afternoon.

The ship is expected to arrive at its pier about 2 p.m. after a voyage from Philadelphia, where it was commissioned Oct. 10. It is the 58th Arleigh Burke-class destroyer to be built at the Bath Iron Works in Maine, all named for major figures in Navy history.

The Wayne E. Meyer is named for the retired rear admiral who led the development of advanced Aegis combat systems for the Navy's current classes of cruisers and destroyers. Meyer retired in 1985 and died Sept. 1 in Washington, D.C., at age 83.

The Meyer joins the new destroyer Dewey, which arrived in San Diego just before Thanksgiving.

STEVE LIEWER

Cycling group to donate toys to El Cajon children

LA MESA: Cyclists are being asked to join a holiday toy ride tomorrow by the La Mesa Bicycle Racing Club.

Cyclists carrying donated toys will ride from a La Mesa coffee shop to the East County Boys & Girls Club in El Cajon, where the gifts will be dropped off.

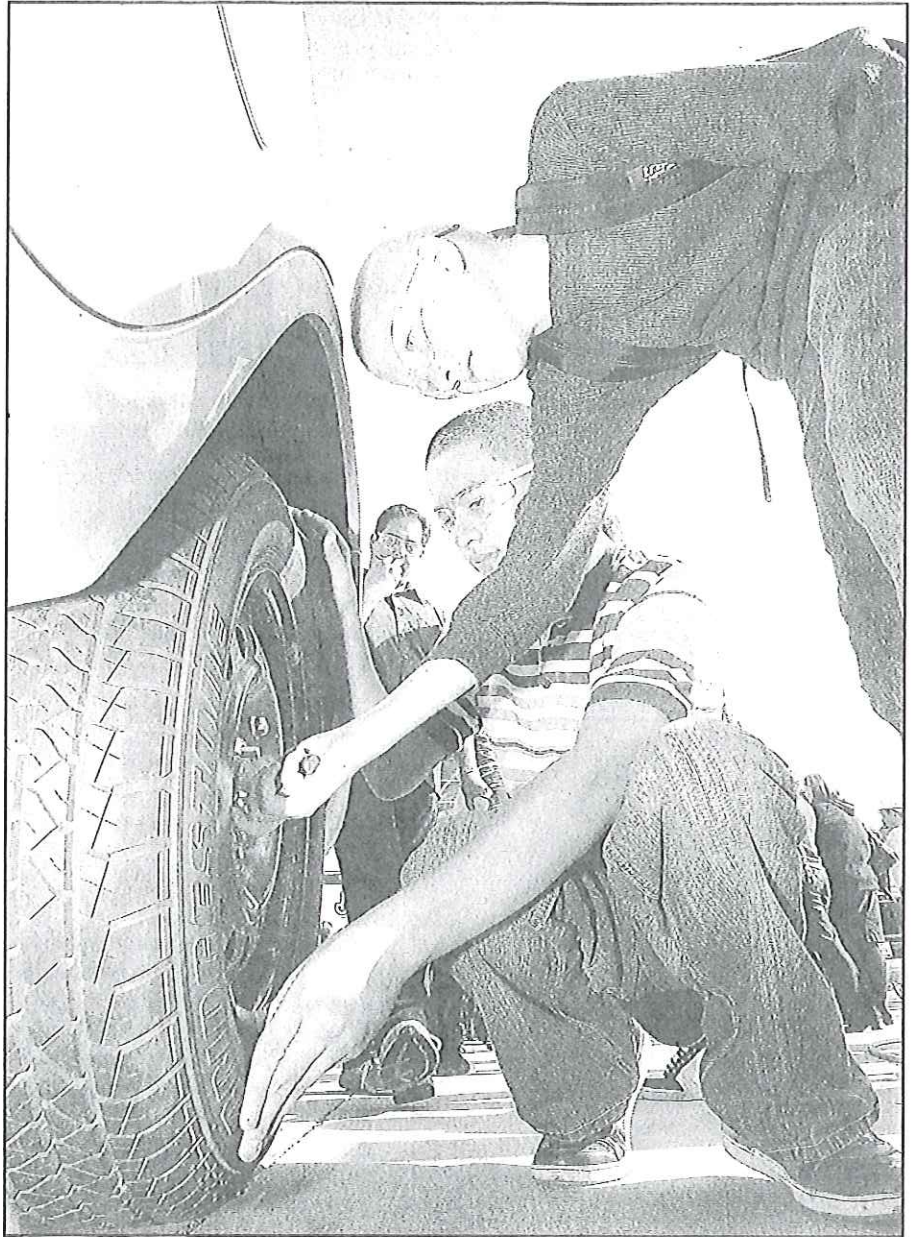
The group will meet at 8 a.m. at Cosmos Coffee Shop, 8278 La Mesa Blvd. in La Mesa, then bicycle to the club at 1171 E. Madison Ave. in El Cajon. A support vehicle will be available to transport larger toys. Toys can be dropped off at the coffee shop for those who cannot participate but want to donate a gift.

The La Mesa Bicycle Racing Club is a group of recreational cyclists who support a variety of racing, social and community service events. For more information, go to [bikebuddies.org](http://bikebuddies.org).

ANNE KRUEGER

Renovations to cut court parking spaces

KEARNY MESA: The number of available



MECHANICALLY INCLINED

Madison High School ninth-grade auto shop students Cody Olsen (foreground) and Bruce Bravo, both 14, replaced a tire during a visit to their auto shop by state Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell. O'Connell gave a speech and saw the progress on the new auto shop facility, which is being built near the current one using Proposition S funds. *Howard Lipin / Union-Tribune*

parking spots at the Traffic Court/Small Claims facility in Kearny Mesa will be reduced starting today, officials with the San Diego Superior Court said.

Renovations and repaving in the parking lot at 8950 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. is

expected to continue until April.

Court officials are urging members of the public to arrive early and allow extra time to find parking at the courthouse.

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## Agreement officially in effect for Prop S on advertised projects over \$1M

By CARLOS RICO, The Daily Transcript  
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When heavy whispers of a labor agreement for San Diego Unified School District's Proposition S projects started at the beginning of this year, many did not know what effect it would have on the \$2.1 billion bond measure.

Now, after months of debating between local construction organizations and district officials -- and after the district's board of education voted 3-2 to install the labor agreement -- it has gone into effect on all projects estimated over \$1 million.

The labor agreement details the contractors' requirements to work on any Proposition S project that is over the said amount. Prop S is a measure to repair all of the district's schools that was passed by voters in November 2008.

Any contractor that wants to work on any of the projects has to agree that they will not strike.

As of last Tuesday, any project that is advertised for bid and carries a price tag of over \$1 million will adhere to the district's Project Stabilization Agreement.

The first projects going up for bid will be at Clairemont, Madison and Point Loma high schools.

Each carries a package totaling between more than \$1 million to about \$5 million and all entail repairing and renovating technology-based buildings and equipment.

In 2010, schools such as Hoover, Morse and Scripps Ranch will have packages for contractors to bid on that will fall under the Project Stabilization Agreement.

In addition, the district has on their books a contract scheduled to be advertised for a school in the proposed downtown library that will be awarded June 22, 2010.

So far, the district has 56 project packages planned for bid that will fall under the Project Stabilization Agreement that are slated to be advertised and awarded from now until 2013.

The Project Stabilization Agreement has come under fire from nonunion contractors who say it favors union contractors because it forces them to pay into union health care plans and other dues.

Union contractors say the labor agreement is good thing because it ensures contractors are paid prevailing wages and health care benefits.

There are seven projects that are estimated to be lower than \$1 million and thus will not carry any of the stipulations of the Project Stabilization Agreement.

For more information or to contact someone about Proposition S projects, visit [www.sandi.net](http://www.sandi.net).



# Unions face claims of unfair labor practices



## School bond projects hiring policy at issue

By [Maureen Magee](#), UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 2 a.m.

A national anti-union organization has filed federal unfair labor practice allegations against local unions over a controversial policy dictating hiring terms for most work under the San Diego school district's \$2.1 billion Proposition S bond measure.

The National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation said the "Project Stabilization Agreement" is discriminatory and "enriches union officials, punishes nonunion workers and employers, and sticks taxpayers with the bill."

Approved last May, the controversial labor agreement is set to take affect on all Proposition S projects that exceed \$1 million that are advertised as of Oct. 27. Under the agreement, contractors working for the San Diego Unified School District must hire local union workers and provide them with health insurance and other benefits. Contractors also will be required to give union apprentices first dibs at apprenticeship jobs.

The unfair labor charges were filed on behalf of Wesley Fuller, an employee of San Diego's Brady Co. Fuller installs drywall and has completed all state apprenticeship requirements, according to the Virginia-based nonprofit representing him. Because Fuller's apprenticeship program was not established through a union, his attorneys say he is being denied Proposition S work.

Among the unions that were accused of the unfair labor charges are the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters and San Diego Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO.

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## Another discrimination claim comes against school bond measure

By CARLOS RICO, The Daily Transcript  
Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Another discrimination claim was recently filed in connection with the San Diego Unified School District's Proposition S Project Stabilization Agreement.

The National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation filed federal unfair labor practice charges on behalf of Wesley Fuller, a contractor from Brady Co., against four labor union organizations for establishing a "discriminatory union only construction scheme" with the School District.

The labor unions include the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO, the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters, the Painters and Allied Trades District Council No. 36 and the Plasterers Union Local 200.

The claim, which was filed to the National Labor Relations Board, stated that "unions are coercing, threatening and restraining the Brady Company and similarly situated contractors that perform or would perform construction work in the San Diego area with the objective of forcing or requiring that Brady Company and these similarly situated employers to enter into agreements with the unions that are prohibited by the National Labor Relations Act."

The claim also stated that "unions are causing and are attempting to cause employers that perform construction work in the San Diego area, including but not limited to the Brady Company, to not employ or provide work to employees who participate in or receive training through, nonunion apprenticeship programs on certain school construction projects in San Diego."

According to Stefan Gleason, vice president of the National Right to Work Foundation, the unions are able to do this based on the Project Stabilization Agreement that was put in place.

Proposition S is a \$2.1 billion school bond measure, which was passed by San Diego voters in November 2008 to repair and rebuild all of the district's schools.

The Project Stabilization Agreement (PSA) was approved by the school district in May and was amended in July to add another union organization, the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters.

The labor agreement is like a collective bargaining agreement, Gleason said, that states contractors will not strike or have a work stoppage provided that contractors enter into a union apprenticeship program if a contractor is not formally in a union.

"This PSA is a blank discrimination," said Fuller, a journeyman with Brady for the past 10 years. "If I want to work on the Proposition S projects, I will have to join a union and go through the whole apprenticeship program and journeyman program again."

Gleason added that California law requires all qualified contractors employee's complete state-mandated apprenticeship programs, but that "it is illegal under federal law to discriminate against workers or businesses on account of union association."

The PSA will go into effect Oct. 27 with the first project to be advertised that day, and the first project under the PSA will be awarded January 2010. This is not the first discrimination claim against the school district for the use of its project stabilization agreement.

Back on July 30 of this year, the Associated General Contractors filed a lawsuit at the federal level claiming discrimination as well. The case has been continued on the court's own motion to Dec. 4.

Calls were made to all four union organizations were not returned by press time Tuesday.

The School District's legal board said they knew of the situation, but Mark Bresee, legal spokesperson, was not available to comment.

The regional director at the National Labor Relations Board regional in San Diego will investigate the charges and determine whether to prosecute the unions before an administrative law judge or dismiss the case.

Although each case is different, typically the Relations Board will take a few weeks to review and make a decision.

Either way, each party can appeal the ruling of the Board to all the way to the Federal Courts of Appeal.



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## Delays in construction projects ahead at San Diego Unified School District

By CARLOS RICO, The Daily Transcript

Friday, October 9, 2009

Design and construction jobs will be delayed at the San Diego Unified School District, as board members have decided to push back the start times of some Proposition S projects.

With property taxes not coming in as once thought and the school district unable to change the tax rate for the sale of the school bonds, which would be used to pay for the construction work, \$96 million in school modernization projects will be delayed.

The tax rate is \$66.70 per every \$100,000 of assessed property.

"Because of the recession, property taxes are not coming in to pay off bonds, so delays in the sale of bonds have occurred," said John de Beck, San Diego Unified board member. "Therefore, we can't sell these school bonds as fast as we thought."

Due to the shortfall in property tax revenues, design and architectural work will be delayed three years; awarding of construction contracts will be pushed back four years; and the site discretionary funds program will be lengthened from five to 10 years.

Originally, these 40 modernization projects would have been executed in five years.

Proposition S was passed in November 2008 by San Diego voters with a 68.71 percent approval.

This \$2.1 billion school bond measure calls for repairs and renovations for all of the district's schools and also new equipment for staff and students.

But not everything pertaining to Proposition S work is coming to a halt.

The board decided to still go ahead with the I-21 program, which calls for new classrooms, a new data center to support new technology like wireless capabilities and the purchase of new laptops for students.

So far, the First Career Technology Education Project at Mission Bay High School has been completed, and three synthetic turf fields at Mira Mesa, Morse and San Diego High Schools have been completed under the Proposition S school bond measure.

Currently there is about \$10.5 million in ongoing construction projects including a 20-classroom building at Hoover High School; a student store at Mission Bay High School; multimedia center at San Diego High School; a culinary institute at Garfield High School; and an automotive program at Madison High School.

Over the next four months, roughly \$26 million will be contracted out including nine projects at Clairemont, Hoover, Morse, Mairlands, Madison and San Diego High Schools.

To date, of the \$2.1 billion from the school bond measure, about \$101.9 million has been obligated to construction and design services.

According to a district staff report, the district is about \$16.2 million under budget for Proposition S projects for this calendar year. The district budgeted \$85.7 million for 2009.

Proposition S has been met with some public outcry since a labor agreement, which the district calls a Project Stabilization Agreement or PSA, was put in place a couple of months ago.

It calls for certain restriction on who can and can't bid on these project, with one stipulation being contractors have to work and/or live within the district's boundaries, and in exchange there would be no work stoppages.

The PSA will go into effect Oct. 27 with the first project to be advertised that day, and the first project under the PSA will be awarded January 2010.

Since the PSA is a complicated issue, the district has conducted workshops for contractors and stakeholders' meetings for construction associations.

The district is also creating a position to oversee the labor agreement; and a start-up assistance contract is being negotiated with **Parsons Constructors Inc.**

## COMMITTEES

### Scripps Ranch Schools Committee (SRSC)

#### SR Schools' API Scores

Congratulations to the teachers, administrators, staff, students, and parents for another terrific year of hard work. It showed as the Academic Performance Index (API) was released in mid-September. Scripps Ranch schools were not only among the highest in the San Diego Unified School District but among the highest in San Diego County. The 2009 API are as follows:

- Scripps Ranch High School: 841
- Marshall Middle School: 897
- Dingeman Elementary: 946
- E.B. Scripps Elementary: 954
- Jerabek Elementary: 937
- Miramar Ranch Elementary: 914

#### Change in Superintendents

By the time you read this, Terry Grier will have left his post as the San Diego Unified School District superintendent and reported for his new superintendent position with the Houston school district. However, in mid-August, when it was first announced that Dr. Grier may leave San Diego, a coalition of community, business, education, and parent leaders thought it was worth urging the school board to try to retain Dr. Grier in light of the positive accomplishments that took place over the last school year, notwithstanding the enormous budgetary issues.

To that effect, an open letter addressed to the school board was placed in *The San Diego Union-Tribune* in late August asking the board to try and find a way to keep Dr. Grier in San Diego. The Scripps Ranch Schools Committee supported this idea and was one of the groups that

signed the letter. Ultimately, Dr. Grier accepted the Houston offer and the school board appointed Bill Kowba, a member of the district's senior management team for more than four years, as the interim superintendent.

As of press time, there was no time-frame from the board regarding efforts to find a new superintendent. We hope the board includes community input during the selection process.

#### \* New Technology Abounds

The school district has an initiative called i21, which is funded through Prop S and designed to equip classrooms, upgrade technology, and create 21st century learning environments. This school year all 3rd, 6th, and 9th grade classrooms will be equipped with interactive white boards, document cameras, and a netbook cart with enough netbook computers for every student in the class.

Each year the same equipment will be installed in additional grade level classrooms and by 2013 all classrooms should be equipped. As Greg Collamer, EBS principal stated, the power of this technology is that it will raise the level of student engagement and make students a bigger part of the learning process in the 21st century.

#### Marshall Bus Program Update

After a couple weeks of school the Marshall Middle School Parent-Paid Bus Program is working relatively smoothly. There is always a little bit of adjustment at the beginning of each year, with one-


third of the students new to the program and new bus drivers. However, I believe this year was the smoothest start of all three years the program has operated.

A huge thank you from the community should go to Sharon Greener and Jennifer Madsen, the co-chairs of the committee, for the inordinate amount of time they spend making sure this program runs smoothly. In addition, the remaining members of the committee also play an integral role in keeping this worthwhile program running. Thanks as well to Michelle Irwin, Susan Anderson, Lorayne Burley, Denise Hampton, and Evan Zucker.

We have a very limited number of spaces available on two routes, with pick-up locations at EBS and Semillon/Fairbrook/Crown Pointe. If you are interested in signing up your child, please go to the Marshall website at [<http://marshallmiddle.org>] for all the information, including fees and registration forms. Contact information for Sharon Greener and Jennifer Madsen is also listed if you have questions. Once these spots are filled, we will not be able to accommodate any additional students.

#### SRSC Meetings

The Scripps Ranch Schools Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month during the school year at 4:30 pm in the Scripps Ranch Library's seminar room. The next meeting is on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

Lynn Todd, SRSC Chair 



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## SCHOOLS

The 5th grade is in charge of creating the haunted house. We need idea thinkers, creative creators, and builders to help make this year's haunted house the best one yet. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Erlenbach at [lori13@san.rr.com].

### Recycling is Baaaack!

Don't forget to bring your recyclables to MRE. If you have any questions, please email Recycle chairs Lisa Kubin at [legomom@basicmicro.com] or Michelle Silber at [silber32@san.rr.com].

### Volunteering

Become a volunteer at MRE. There's nothing like walking into your child's classroom and seeing his or her face brighten because you are there volunteering your services. We are looking for moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, or other extended family. You can choose to help in classrooms or volunteer for an FFA committee position. There is a volunteer position for everyone. For volunteer openings, please check the website at [www.miramarranch.org].

### Picture Day

Dress to impress for picture day. Picture day and Ident-a-Kid take place on Thursday, Oct. 22. Makeup day is on Thursday, Oct. 29. So bring your smiles!

### Chabad Hebrew Academy [www.chasd.org]

### October Calendar

- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Oct. 6, 7, and 8—Sukkot Under the Stars;
- Friday, Oct. 9—Professional growth, noon dismissal;
- Wednesday, Oct. 21—Family Math Night, grades 3–8, 6:30–7:30 pm; and,
- Thursday, Oct. 22—Family Math Night, K–2, 6:30–7:30 pm.

### eScrip Brings Funds to MRE

eScrip merchants will contribute a percentage of the purchases you make to the MRE FFA. Just register or renew your Vons Club card, Macy's, or other charge cards, and the purchases are automatically credited toward our school. There is no cost to you!

Don't forget to check your child's backpack every Wednesday for vital school information. Happy October!

*Janae Williams*

 **Ellen Browning Scripps  
Elementary (EBS)**  
[www.sandi.net/  
ellenbrowningscripps/]

### Penguins are Cool

We saw lots of excited kids, parents, and staff on the first day of school. Parents enjoyed a welcome back breakfast and heard from Principal Collamer and Academic Fundraising Partnership (AFP) representatives.

Summer projects at EBS included adding central air conditioning and the installation of student handprint tiles in the quad area. Have you found your handprint yet? If you haven't made a tile, don't worry, you'll have the opportunity. This is a fun way to commemorate your time at EBS! Look for more details to come in the future.

## Other Schools

### After-School Clubs at CHA

Many of our after-school clubs started in September, including Hebrew, ballet, chess, yoga, and flag football classes. Two begin in October. The response to the Glass Fusion Class at the Back to School Picnic was overwhelming, so artist Ilanit Shalev decided to offer two classes to accommodate all of our talented artists!

- Contact Ilanit Shalev, 586-0145
- Mondays beginning Oct. 12
- 3:45–4:45 pm
- Cost: \$65

### Super Pledge for the Kids

Help enhance the educational experience of your child(ren) at EBS by donating to the Super Pledge. The goal is a \$180 donation per student, however, any amount is appreciated! Please look into corporate matching donations as many employers match funds. All donations are tax deductible. Your pledge really does make a difference!

### Save your Box Tops and Campbell's Labels

Get ready for the box top and Campbell's label contest! EBS holds a fun, and financially rewarding, box top and Campbell's label contest. Get your kids cutting and counting! Look for more details this month.


### Important Dates

- Tuesday, Oct. 6—Picture day, grades K–2;
- Tuesday, Oct. 6—Character Education meeting, 5:30 pm; AFP meeting, 6:30 pm;
- Wednesday, Oct. 7—Picture day, graded 3–5;
- Friday, Oct. 16—Ellen Browning Scripps Birthday Celebration, 3rd grade performance; and,
- Tuesday, Oct. 22—School Site Council/Site Governance Team/English Learner Advisory Committee meeting, 1 pm, EBS library.

*Shannon Ashburn*

- Tuesdays beginning Oct. 13
- 3:45–4:45 pm
- Cost: \$65

### Preschool Back to School Night

Thank you to our preschool parents who came out to learn about our unique curriculum and the expertise of our faculty. Parents spent the evening learning about the Montessori method, Judaics, and all content areas including a demonstration by our Ivrit/Hebrew language teacher Morah Keren Bradshaw. 

# Parents Don't Like Delayed Repairs

Posted: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 12:00 am | Updated: 7:05 am, Thu Dec 3, 2009.

Parents and teens from Mission Bay High School turned out in force tonight to protest the school district's fields at the school, threatening that it could prove costly. Freshman Bret Lindley complained that the field was "really unsafe."

"Our field is simply unsafe for another year, let alone another six years," said Cori Meara, a parent at the school with a huge lawsuit waiting to happen.

San Diego Unified has had to slow down construction and repairs at schools as it reaps less and less revenue from a billion facilities bond. It will ultimately get all the money — but it will take more time.

So with fewer dollars coming in than expected each year, the school board decided to prioritize technology in the school library, while delaying renovations such as the Mission Bay fields for years. Meara argued that was not a good idea.

— EMILY ALPERT

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## School Repairs Wait While School Jumps Ahead

**Ben Samuel**



**Sam Hodgson**

Ben Samuel, a senior at Clairemont High, points out the accessibility problems at the school's stadium.

Posted: Tuesday, December 15, 2009 5:50 pm | Updated: 6:04 pm, Tue Dec 15, 2009.

By EMILY ALPERT

**Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009** | Senior Ben Samuel likes to watch the football games at Clairemont High -- but it's difficult to navigate in his wheelchair.

The long, zig-zagging ramp down to the bleachers is too narrow for more than one chair. It leads down to the bleachers, but a wheelchair can't cross. Even after the school district tried to make the stadium more accessible, it's still hard for visitors to get to the opposite side of the field.

And because there are too few seats for all Clairemont students during pep rallies or other school-wide events, students often spill onto the ramp, making it unusable for teens with wheelchairs. Federal observers found that to be the case last year, even after an initial batch of repairs.

San Diego Unified promised to fix those problems with the money it got from Proposition S, a new bond measure passed last year. It even set a timeline, pledging to finish the fixes by December 2010.

But now San Diego Unified is likely to break that pledge. It plans to finish repairs in 2015. The school



projects as revenue from its construction bond plunges. That has parents and employees wondering why the new school in the proposed downtown library, are scheduled earlier. Clairemont parents are incensed.

"We've been waiting since 1995," said Gerry Knuppel, who teaches physical education for Clairemont parents only filed a complaint last year, getting access to the stadium has been a problem for much longer to wait until 2015."

The financial pinch has squeezed money for building and renovating schools, too. As home values drop in San Diego Unified reaps from property taxes that voters approved. The school district will eventually get all the money but it will take longer.

"Every dollar is precious at this point," said Jim Watts, San Diego Unified's planning director.

So San Diego Unified is delaying up to \$96 million in repairs and renovations at Clairemont and more than 100 other schools as long as four years. Because of state cutbacks, the Division of the State Architect is now taking up to six projects, pushing them back even further.

Many parents are galled that repairs at their schools are being postponed while San Diego Unified carries out other projects, including digital whiteboards and the new school in the downtown library. Both of those projects were on the school board -- and both have coveted spots early in the schedule.

Mission Bay High parents who argue that their worn athletic fields are "a lawsuit waiting to happen" have been the first. Clairemont parents also singled out the library school.

"They want to build a new downtown school -- yet they haven't met the needs of our current students," said a parent whose son graduated from Clairemont this year. Her father, who has a disability, was unable to see his grandson.

Classroom technology has stayed at the top of the bond list. The school board has backed the idea of digital whiteboards, computerized whiteboards, voice amplifiers and netbooks for each student as a way to engage kids and

But it brings a tradeoff. Because San Diego Unified is installing more than \$300 million in classroom technology over the first five years of the bond -- there is only enough spare money for a handful of other projects in 2009.

Delaying the technology upgrades would throw off the district's strategy for rolling out the new tools. For example, digital whiteboards. "You don't just get it in third grade and then have a gap," Watts said. "There's continuity for students."

The price tag for the downtown library school is much lower than for the technology -- \$20 million -- so it's easier to schedule early. But scheduling it early means that other projects must go later, because schools have a limited amount of money. Watts explained that the downtown library school can't be moved around as easily, because it depends on the

project.

Though it is only one of several projects scheduled to happen this year and next, parents have focused on it because it wasn't originally planned. Some question whether it is really needed.

Many of the delayed projects have been identified as pressing needs, but Clairemont has another wrinkle in its formal complaint with the civil rights office of the U.S. Department of Education about the school's procedures. When lodged, former Superintendent Terry Grier agreed to make the fixes by next December.

While Clairemont waits, it is trying to work around the problems. During a pep rally, the school spends more than \$80 to hire a security assistant whose only job is to ensure that a wheelchair user can use it at a time.

The federal government could penalize San Diego Unified for delays, but both sides say they are working to resolve the school district is trying to squeeze the Clairemont repairs into the schedule earlier if possible. San Diego has an agreement with the civil rights office, but assistant general counsel Patrick Frost said they'll likely not

"Enforcement is a last resort," said Jim Bradshaw, spokesman for the U.S. Department of Education. "I

*Please contact Emily Alpert directly at [emily.alpert@voiceofsandiego.org](mailto:emily.alpert@voiceofsandiego.org) and follow her on Twitter: [twitter](#) to see the tone of the debate with a letter to the editor.*

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# Delaying School Makeovers, Speeding Up the Schoobrary

Posted: Monday, October 5, 2009 12:00 am | Updated: 7:07 am, Thu Dec 3, 2009.

As San Diego Unified gets less and less money than expected for school construction in the coming year, the district is weighing whether to delay, which to keep on schedule, and which to speed up.

It could delay the makeover of two aging City Heights schools. It could push back technology for the year by modernizing campuses across the school district.

Yet it is planning to speed up the creation of the schoobrary, an unusual plan that will cost the district \$10 million and push it forward in the schedule from 2014 to 2010. And the district is also considering speeding up technology such as interactive whiteboards and voice amplifiers.

Revenues are falling because a tax levied on homes under Proposition S, a \$2.1 billion facilities bond that was approved in 2005, is yielding less money than expected as property values drop. While the school district will ultimately get more than expected, pushing some projects back.

One example is the makeover of Crawford High School and Mann Middle School in City Heights, two of which are either partially or wholly rebuilt. Both schools were originally meant to be partially rebuilt at their current sites, but the district is considering rebuilding both schools on the Crawford campus and making the Mann site into an athletic field.

All of those plans could now be delayed. Yet San Diego Unified is also weighing whether to pick up the schoobrary.

The numbers have changed so rapidly that the school district has had to redraw plans it made in March. San Diego Unified is asking the school board to choose tomorrow between two recommended options.

- Delaying the overhaul and modernization of campuses for up to four years and taking longer to hand out discretionary spending they see fit. **Total:** \$96 million in spending delayed.
- Delaying the creation of a "data center" that will help support the new technology now going into San Diego classrooms, specifically into K-2 classrooms, or possibly eliminating "one-to-one computing" — educator jargon for a laptop for every student — spending delayed.

— EMILY ALPERT



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## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

December 1, 2009

### **New Madison High Auto Facility Celebration**

*State, local voters and community come together;  
construction under way*

- What:** Event with state and local education officials, and community partners and Madison High School students to check out construction process on the new automotive technology facility.
- When:** 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009. Note change from Dec. 2.
- Where:** Madison High School, 4833 Doliva Drive (92117)
- Speakers:** Jack O'Connell, California's Schools Superintendent; John Lee Evans, San Diego Board of Education Member; Richard Nash, Principal, Madison High School, members of the San Diego automotive community.
- Background:** Currently under construction at Madison High School is a new automotive technology facility, which will replace a half-century old auto shop. Despite tough budget times, construction is fully funded through two voter-approved bond issues from 2008: California's Prop. 1D and San Diego's Prop. S. In addition, equipment, cars and time is being donated by some of San Diego's largest car dealers and repair facilities. Supt. O'Connell, Dr. Evans and other district staff and the Madison students will be on hand to thank the voters and volunteers for this project.
- Photos:** Students and dignitaries, auto shop, construction project.
- Contact:** Jack Brandais, (619) 725-5570.

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### Final Budget Town Hall Meeting is Monday

Parents, students, employees and community members are encouraged to attend the final Budget Town Hall meeting on Monday, Dec. 14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at [Porter Elementary School North](#). Attendees will learn more about the budget crisis and have the opportunity to offer ideas and feedback to the Board of

Education. For more information, please visit [www.sandi.net/budget](http://www.sandi.net/budget) or contact Bernie Rhinerson, chief district relations officer, at (619) 725-5578.

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### Proposition S Update: All 2009 Contracts Awarded



The Board of Education recently awarded the last [Prop. S](#) contract for 2009, bringing the total to 17 projects begun since the bond measure passed in November 2008. The projects represent a nearly \$65 million investment in the district's students, teachers and communities. During the first year of implementing Prop. "MM," the district only awarded \$7 million in construction contracts.

Designated as Prop. S "Fast Start" projects, the first-year construction contracts included the following [Career Technical Education](#) projects: Garfield HS Culinary Arts Program, Madison HS Automotive Technology, Morse HS Auto Body Program, San Diego HS Multimedia Arts Program, Mission Bay HS Entrepreneurship Program, San Diego HS Finance and Business, San Diego HS Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation; and Morse Culinary Arts Program. Other projects include construction of permanent classroom buildings to replace portables, Americans with Disabilities Act improvements for high school stadiums, technology upgrades and heating/ventilation/air-conditioning renovations.

One of the most significant projects is the start of the five-year [i-21 Interactive Classroom Initiative](#), which was \$25 million of the \$65 million in Prop. S funding used for 2009. The technology-based initiative delivers a suite of new digital tools that are designed to create an engaging and personalized learning environment in the classroom. Main components include an interactive whiteboard, audio/visual cabinet, teacher presentation station, wireless voice amplification system, advanced model document camera and DVD player. For more information, please contact the Propositions S Communications Office at (619) 725-7252 or [propsinfo@sandi.net](mailto:propsinfo@sandi.net).



### Scripps Ranch High Math Teacher Honored

[Scripps Ranch High](#) math teacher Thomas Griffith is one of 23

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San Diego Unified School District E-News  
From Interim Superintendent Bill Kowba

November 13, 2009

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### Upcoming Events

**November 13, 2009**  
[Magnet School Fair](#)  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**November 17, 2009**  
[Special Board of Education Meeting](#)  
5:00 pm

> [View More Upcoming Events](#)

### Budget Town Hall Meetings

Parents, students, employees and community members are encouraged to attend one of five upcoming Budget Town Hall Meetings. Attendees will learn more about the budget crisis and have the opportunity to offer ideas and feedback to the Board of Education on ways to balance the 2010-11 budget. Each meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m.:

- **Thursday, November 19**  
[Serra High School](#) (Media Center)
- **Thursday, December 3**  
[San Diego High School](#) (Performing Arts Theater)
- **Wednesday, December 9**  
[Mission Bay High School](#) (Auditorium)
- **Tuesday, December 15**  
[Lincoln High School](#) (Performing Arts Theater)
- **Thursday, December 17**  
[Madison High School](#) (Performing Arts Center)

For more information, please visit [www.sandi.net/budget](http://www.sandi.net/budget) or contact Bernie Rhinerson, chief district relations officer at (619) 725-5578.



### Quick Bond Filing Earns National Praise



*The Bond Buyer*, a daily finance newspaper, has honored San Diego Unified with its regional Deal of the Year award for the district's quick work in earning \$38 million in school construction bonds tied in with the federal stimulus program. The sale of the bonds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was the first in the nation. Because of additional tax benefits for investors under the Act, the favorable conditions allowed the district to sell \$170 million in bonds, \$20 million more than anticipated. The next bond offering is expected to raise \$20 million more as well.

The \$20 million will not change the \$66.70/\$100,000 tax levy approved by voters under the Proposition S authorization. As a regional finalist, the district is now being considered for the magazine's national Deal of the Year. Read the [news story](#).



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For more information, contact James Masias, chief financial officer, at [jmasias@sandi.net](mailto:jmasias@sandi.net).



### Journalists Tour Our Small Schools



Education Writers Association, the most prominent organization for education reporters in the nation, recently brought eighteen journalists to San Diego for a conference about Small Schools and High School Reform. Reporters from as far as Washington D.C., Florida and Indiana toured Kearny High's Construction Tech Academy and School of International Business, Lincoln High's Center for Social Justice and Center for Science and Engineering, and High Tech High, talking at length with students, staff, teachers and administrators. Lunch was provided by the culinary students of San Diego High's School of Business, another small school success story.

Tony Burks, executive director of the district's Small School Innovation program, addressed the group, stating, "All of you together can reach millions of people, and they need to hear these stories." For more information, please contact Linda Zintz, communications director, at (619) 725-5578 or [lzintz@sandi.net](mailto:lzintz@sandi.net).



### Take a Look at School Innovation at Our Magnet Fair

Parents looking for choices for their child's education and San Diegans wondering what our schools are doing are invited to attend the district's Magnet Schools Fair, on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Recital Hall in Balboa Park. The fair is a free kickoff event for the annual [enrollment options](#) period, when families can apply for their child's admission to a San Diego Unified magnet school for the 2010-11 school year. The [application](#) period runs through Feb. 15, 2010. For more information, please visit the [Magnet Schools website](#).



professional teaching excellence, which exemplifies a teacher's significant commitment to professional growth and development. For more information, please contact Kathy Siverio at (619) 725-7431 or [ksiverio@sandi.net](mailto:ksiverio@sandi.net).



### Outstanding Middle School Teachers



[Innovation Middle School](#) English teacher Alyssa Wright has been selected a regional finalist for the [California League of Middle Schools](#) Region 9 "Educator of the Year" award. Wright will be honored at an awards dinner taking place Monday, Dec. 14, at the Admiral Kidd Club in Point Loma. For more information, please contact iMiddle Principal Harlan Klein at (858) 278-5948 or [hklein@sandi.net](mailto:hklein@sandi.net).



### Construction Begins on Madison High's New Automotive Facility



Construction has begun on a new, state-of-the-art automotive facility for [Madison High School's](#) National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) Automotive Program. When completed, the new [College, Career & Technical Education](#) facility will be 10,500 square feet and will include an automotive shop with eight indoor bays, five above-ground lifts, two wheel alignment racks, two classrooms that can accommodate 30 students each, and a 60-seat auditorium. The auditorium will serve as a group lecture hall for student presentations, guest speakers, manufacturer training and special events. Completion is scheduled for August 2010, just in time for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

The new facility is funded by a \$2,366,312 Career Technical Education Grant and matching [Proposition S](#) funds. For more information, please contact Greg Quirin, program specialist, at (858) 496-1777 or [gquirin@sandi.net](mailto:gquirin@sandi.net). For information on Proposition S, contact the Propositions S Communications Office at (619) 725-7252 or [propsinfo@sandi.net](mailto:propsinfo@sandi.net).



### SCHOOL NEWS

- Einstein Academies Video Earns a Healthy Makeover**  
[Albert Einstein Academies](#) recently entered and won the [Whole Foods Lunchroom Makeover contest](#). The school produced a video of students supporting healthy eating on school campuses. As winners, the school will receive a healthy lunch coaching session from Chef Ann, a renowned chef who travels the nation promoting changes to cafeteria programs. For more information, please contact Principal Jeanette Vaughn at (619) 725-1190, ext. 2124 or [jvaughn@aeacs.org](mailto:jvaughn@aeacs.org). [Watch the award-winning video](#).
- Mira Mesa High Culinary Program Making News and**



flu. San Diego County Public Health personnel are currently investigating numerous San Diego County schools for probable outbreak of H1N1 flu.

San Diego Unified parents will be notified by their school if County Public Health opens an investigation of a possible H1N1 outbreak. If an investigation is opened and/or an outbreak is declared, public health officials advise that schools continue to follow the [guidelines](#) established at the beginning of the school year. Schools will remain open. Students who are sick will **NOT** be allowed at school. Students who are well should attend school as usual. Families should continue to be vigilant about practicing good hygiene. Parents should have their children vaccinated as soon as possible.

For more information about the H1N1 flu virus and vaccine, visit [www.sdiz.org](http://www.sdiz.org), call 2-1-1 or call the district H1N1 Flu Information line at (619) 260-5409.



### Outstanding Middle School Teachers



[De Portola](#) and [Montgomery](#) middle schools have each received notification that one of their teachers has been selected a regional finalist for the [California League of Middle Schools](#) Region 9 "Educator of the Year" award. De Portola English teacher Mellany Parinas and Montgomery math teacher Caroline Morse will be honored at an awards dinner taking place Monday, Dec. 14, at the Admiral Kidd Club in Point Loma. For more information, please contact De Portola Principal Elizabeth Gillingham at [lgillingham@sandi.net](mailto:lgillingham@sandi.net) or Montgomery Principal Jonathan Ton at [jton@sandi.net](mailto:jton@sandi.net).



### Prop. S Helps Support Joint-use Field in La Jolla



On Nov. 2, La Jolla Turf-it Committee representatives, other community donors and the principals from [Muirlands Middle](#) and [La Jolla High](#) schools participated in a groundbreaking ceremony marking the start of construction on a new synthetic turf field and ramp to improve accessibility to the athletic fields. The joint-use project between Muirlands MS and La Jolla HS will be used for multiple sports and will benefit every student in the La Jolla cluster. The goal is to finish it by the end of winter

["Light the Night Against Crime" 5K Run/Walk](#) in Balboa Park. More than 3,000 participants attended this family-friendly event that featured a costume contest, music and pre- and post-race festivities. The district Transportation Department provided a school bus that was decorated in a Halloween theme. The event supports the Campus Crime Stoppers Program, which gives students the opportunity to anonymously report crime and receive cash rewards. For more information, please call [Crime Stoppers](#) at (619) 275-8240.



### Physical Plant Operations Support Services

As part of its SMART goals, Physical Plant Operations (PPO) Support Services is focused on improving customer service and its relationships with schools. On Wednesday, Oct. 28, [John Muir School](#) hosted the entire Support Services Department staff for its first off-site safety meeting. Principal Nancy Johnson shared the philosophy and vision, as well as some of the challenges, of the K-12 magnet school located in Clairemont. She emphasized the importance of working outside the box and being creative in designing curriculum for the school's diverse student population. This first off-site meeting established an excellent foundation for the future as Support Services continues to hold its monthly safety meetings at various district sites. For more information or to host a meeting, please contact J. William Naish, supervisor, energy/utility management, Support Services, at (858) 627-7217 or [jnaish@sandi.net](mailto:jnaish@sandi.net).



### Proposition S Outreach Efforts Vie for "President's Award for Diversity"



The Facilities Planning and Construction (FPC) Division was a finalist for the [Urban League of San Diego County's](#) "President's Award for Diversity." At an awards luncheon yesterday, the Urban League lauded FPC for the extensive outreach program being implementing under [Proposition S](#). The primary objective of the division's

Community and Business Outreach and Engagement Program is to focus efforts on developing a diverse workforce and providing job opportunities for communities where Proposition S projects take place.

For information on the district's business outreach efforts, please contact Karen Williams, outreach program manager, at (858) 627-7232 or [kwilliams4@sandi.net](mailto:kwilliams4@sandi.net). For information on Proposition S, contact the Prop S Communications Office at (619) 725-7252, email [propsinfo@sandi.net](mailto:propsinfo@sandi.net) or visit [www.sandi.net/PropS](http://www.sandi.net/PropS).



### Change Clocks this Weekend

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, Nov. 1, at 2 a.m. Remember to set your clocks one hour back.



### SCHOOL NEWS

- Wangenheim Middle School Dedicates Counseling Center**  
 The dedication of the 'Susan G. Porter Counseling Center' at [Wangenheim Middle School](#) was held Oct. 23. Current and former students and staff, including former principals Jim Vlassis and Robert Grano, attended the special event recognizing Susan Porter (in photo) for her years of service to the school from 1977-2009. For more information, please contact Principal Lamont Jackson at (858) 578-1400, ext. 2201.



- School of Business Academy of Finance Recognizes Summer Interns**  
 Twenty San Diego High School seniors who worked as summer interns were joined by their families and employers at a recent celebration at the Pearl Hotel in Point Loma. The students, part of the [San Diego High School of Business Academy of Finance](#) program, worked approximately 120 hours during the summer break at local San Diego businesses. Employers thanked each student with a certificate of completion and shared information about what the interns worked on and how they performed over the summer. More than 60 students, family members, faculty and employers were present at celebratory event. For more information, please contact Kelly Granfield at (619) 525-7461 or [kgranfield@sandi.net](mailto:kgranfield@sandi.net).
- Mira Mesa Volunteers Get the Star Treatment**  
 Nearly 200 [Mira Mesa High School](#) volunteers were honored a special reception held October 29. Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher and Councilmember Carl DeMaio presented Certificates of Appreciation for the hours of volunteerism. School Board Member John Lee Evans was on hand to

### PSA Contractor Orientation



The next Project Stabilization Agreement (PSA) [Contractor Orientation](#) is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, from 1-3 p.m., at the Physical Plant Operations Center, and 6-8 p.m., at Lincoln High School. Contractors are invited to come and learn how the PSA will impact bidding and day-to-day operations on Prop. S school construction. For more information, please contact George Harris at (858) 637-6269 or [gharris@sandi.net](mailto:gharris@sandi.net).



### Pop Rock Group 'Honor Society' Partners with USA Pears

During lunch yesterday, [Taft Middle School](#) students enjoyed a rare live concert by one of the country's hottest new acts, Honor Society. The pop band is partnering with [USA Pears](#) to promote a healthy lifestyle, rich with fruits and vegetables. Each student received a fresh pear as part of the concert. Lead singer Michael Bruno said "we couldn't be more excited about this cool program with USA Pears. With us constantly on the road, we have to pay special attention to our diets so we are at our best at each and every performance." For more information, please contact Gary Petill, director, food services, at (858) 627-7301 or [gpetill@sandi.net](mailto:gpetill@sandi.net).



### Our Most Valued Cargo

Imagine the responsibility of pulling up to the curb and having hundreds of students anxiously awaiting the ride home on the big yellow bus. Each day transportation drivers meet and transport nearly 19,000 student riders. As the rider-ship continues to expand, so do the responsibilities aligned to safety in Title 5 California Code of Regulations, which states "students are under the authority of and directly responsible to the driver". Our drivers take this responsibility very seriously and appreciate the support of school staff and parents who remind students about the importance of enjoying the ride to and back home from school each day. Students are instructed to be calm and respectful riders so their driver can focus on the roads and freeways for the safety of all. For information, please contact Lee Eddy, manager of transportation operations, at (858) 496-8781 or [leddy@sandi.net](mailto:leddy@sandi.net).



### SCHOOL NEWS

- **Lincoln Fire Protection Students Volunteer in Community Service**  
Students in the Fire Protection Program at [Lincoln High School's Center for Public Safety](#) volunteered for community service by





December 16, 2009

*SAMPLE*

Dear Neighbors, Parents, Students and School Staff:

**Subject: Construction to Begin on Proposition S Projects—San Diego High School Culinary Arts Program, Business Management Facilities and New Classroom Building**

On November 4, 2008, nearly 69 percent of the voters in San Diego passed the general obligation bond measure, Proposition S, so that San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) could repair, renovate and revitalize 181 schools including San Diego High School.

SDUSD has begun construction on the Proposition S projects at San Diego High School. The following information describes the projects and outlines the construction activities.

**Project:** Using Proposition S funds and matching funds from a College, Career & Technical Education grant, the district will remodel and build new career technical learning environments for students in the Culinary Arts Program and the School of Business Management. Using Proposition S funds and state matching funds, a new 16-classroom, two-story classroom building will replace all of the old portable classrooms currently located at the site.

**What to expect:** Our contractors will do their best to limit noise, dust, and disruptions associated with these projects. Much of the work will have little impact on the surrounding neighborhood because the work areas are primarily located in the middle of the large campus and/or inside buildings. Students will be separated from areas of work and construction workers by screened fences and plywood barriers.

**Completion:** The business and the culinary arts facilities projects are expected to be completed in summer 2010. The two-story classroom building is scheduled to be completed in spring 2011.

We apologize in advance for any inconveniences that these construction projects may cause. When they are finished, San Diego High School will have program facilities that will benefit the students and the community for years to come.

For more information on the facility improvements for the Culinary Arts Program and the School of Business Management, contact Julie Katsapis, project manager, at (858) 573-5720 or by e-mail at [jkatsapis@sandi.net](mailto:jkatsapis@sandi.net). For more information on the new classroom building, contact Francisco Campuzano, project manager, at (858) 637-3510, or by e-mail at [fcampuzano@sandi.net](mailto:fcampuzano@sandi.net).

Sincerely,

Lee Dulgeroff  
Director, Project Management Department

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