



South Bay Union School District Prop X Newsletter

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South Bay Leaders Commemorate Prop X Construction with Groundbreaking Ceremony

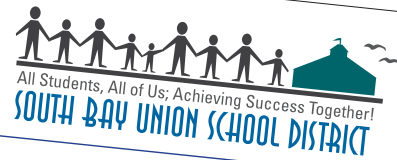


Student Council President, Paxton Cheney

Imperial Beach Mayor Jim Janney joined District Board President Althea F. Jones, the District's Board of Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Carol Parish to commemorate Prop X construction with a groundbreaking ceremony at Bayside Elementary School earlier this year.

Attendees were greeted with a performance by the talented Mendoza Elementary Visual and Performing Arts students. Guests included San Diego County Board of Education Trustee Jerry

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Dear Friends of Prop X,

In this newsletter, you will find information regarding modernization projects at schools in the South Bay Union School District. Construction is underway and significant progress has already been made. We held a groundbreaking ceremony over the summer to commemorate the commencement of Prop X construction. The event was held at Bayside Elementary School and brought the entire community together to celebrate the start of a new beginning.

We have had the pleasure of appointing two community members to the Prop X Citizens' Oversight Committee. Juliann M. Cook-Ly and Elizabeth Dixon will serve as the community-at-large and PTA/School Site Council member representatives, respectively. Thank you to each of these women for their time and commitment to overseeing the bond program.

The District is wholly committed to reinvesting Prop X bond dollars back into the community. With that, the District held a subcontractor networking event to acquaint local small businesses with the project's contractor, Barnhart Balfour Beatty. We look forward to creating opportunities like this throughout the duration of the program.

We are sincerely thankful for your support while we build better schools for our community. If you have any questions or inquiries about Prop X projects, you can visit www.buildingpropx.com.

*Dr. Carol Parish, Superintendent
South Bay Union School District*

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Visit the Prop X website to get more details on the bond program, schedules and progress.



Groundbreaking...

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L to R): County Bd. of Education Trustee Hon. Jerry Rindone, Asst. Supt. Dr. Francisco Escobedo, SBUSD Board Members Chris Brown, Nick Inzunza, Elvia Aguilar, SBUSD Board President Althea F. Jones, SBUSD Superintendent Dr. Carol Parish, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Scott Buxbaum, Asst. Supt. Kim Phifer, Director Janet Wraight, and Director Frank Villagrana break ground for Prop X construction.

Rindone, San Diego County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Randolph E. Ward, Sweetwater Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Jesus M. Gandara and Wayne Lucero from the Office of Congressman Bob Filner.

After the student-led Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem, Bayside's Student Council

President, Paxton Cheney, shared a few words with the audience. "Thank you for making our schools more beautiful. We guarantee to repay you by being your future doctors, engineers and leaders," she said. Bayside Elementary School Principal Patricia Valdivia and Oneonta Elementary School Principal Marla Fernandez then welcomed the nearly 100 attendees.



SBUSD Superintendent Dr. Carol Parish addresses the crowd.

The Mendoza Elementary Visual and Performing Arts students perform for the crowd at Bayside Elementary.

PROP X HOTLINE

**A hotline has been dedicated to Prop X progress.
Feel free to call anytime and find out more
information about the bond program.**

1-888-62-PROP-X (se habla español)



Local Community Members to Oversee Prop X School Bond Measure

The Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) regularly communicates with the Board of Trustees and the public to ensure that school bond funds are invested as the voters intended and that the construction projects are completed wisely and efficiently.

SBUSD recently appointed a parent representative, Juliann M. Cook-Ly, and community-at-large representative, Elizabeth Dixon to its COC. The committee members will oversee the expenditures and progress of Prop X.

Dixon is currently a parent representative on the District Advisory Committee as well as a full-time volunteer and member of the Mendoza Elementary School Site Council.

Cook-Ly is also an active member of the South Bay community. She has been president of the Mendoza Elementary School Site Council for the past two years and is an active member in the school's PTA as well as in local non-profit organizations.

"The dedication of the Citizens' Oversight Committee is a testament to the members' vested interest in ensuring that we create world-class facilities for our students," said SBUSD Board President Althea F. Jones.

The new appointees will join current committee members including business representative Casey Broach, member-at-large Duane Leach, parent representative Harold Phelps, senior citizen representative Dee McLean and taxpayer representative Jim Doud. Members of the COC have been appointed by the District's governing board, based on criteria established by Prop 39, from a list of candidates who submitted application.

For information on COC meeting schedules and agendas, visit www.buildingpropx.com.



Prop X Annual Report Released

Recently, the District published its Prop X annual report, which illustrates expenditures through June 30, 2009. The report also includes a projected spending curve of Prop X bond funds through 2014. Consistent with large scale building programs, a large percentage of expenditures to date fell within the Planning and Programming and Design categories. As the program matures, a greater percentage of funding will be utilized on construction activities.

Prop X annual reports are available in the front office of each school and the SBUSD headquarters.



Prop X Construction Update

Currently, Bayside and Oneonta Elementary School are undergoing construction.

Prop X Scopes of Work Include:

- Upgrade electrical systems including power and low voltage systems for fire alarms and PA systems with clocks.
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology in the classrooms.
- Make accessibility (ADA) upgrades and improvements to the school site, including restrooms, classrooms and playgrounds.
- Repair/replace old and deteriorating plumbing including sewer systems.
- Renovate and repair outdated restrooms.
- Make repairs and improvements to classrooms and school facilities, including the auditorium.
- Upgrade windows.
- Make upgrades to the kitchen facilities.
- Improve student safety by installing additional fencing.
- Make general site improvements, including replacing deteriorating concrete sidewalks/steps.

Current Prop X Progress:

- Interim housing was completed in mid-August in time for staff and student's return.
- All site work and underground utility work has been completed.
- The multi-purpose buildings, administration buildings, kindergarten buildings, portable classrooms and libraries are complete on each campus.
- Classroom buildings were completed during fall break.
- All work is anticipated to be complete by the end of December 2010.

Next Up!

Nestor, Berry, Sunnyslope, Nicoloff and Pence Elementary will be the next campuses to undergo construction.



Oneonta Elementary

A new administration building has been constructed at Oneonta.



Before



Bayside Elementary

A brand new lunch shelter has been installed at Bayside.



Before

ABOUT PROP X

Prop X will completely modernize seven of the SBUSD's twelve elementary schools, as well as improve windows, replace sewers and remodel bathrooms at the remaining five

school sites within the District. Four other District projects are included in the modernization proposal: VIP Village Preschool, the District's Education Center, Facilities/

Transportation Facility and the District's Purchasing/Child Nutrition Facility.

