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South Bay Leaders Commemorate Prop X Construction with Groundbreaking Ceremony
Election Day marked the start of renovation on South Bay elementary schools; illustrating the value of voter participation

IMPERIAL BEACH- Imperial Beach Mayor Jim Janney joined South Bay Union School District's (SBUSD) 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.

Attendees were greeted with a performance by the talented Mendoza Elementary Visual and Performing Arts students. Guests including San Diego County Board of Education Trustee Jerry Rindone, San Diego County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Randolph E. Ward, Wayne Lucero from the Office of Congressman Bob Filner, and Sweetwater Union High School district Superintendent Dr. Jesus M. Gandara were in attendance.

After the student-led pledge 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 Principal Patricia Valdivia and Oneonta Elementary School Principal Marla Fernandez then welcomed the nearly 100 attendees.

SBUSD Superintendent Dr. Carol Parish closed the ceremony by saying, "We see the way education is the foundation for creating strong, compassionate community members. We are thankful for the continued support as we build better schools for the future of Imperial Beach."

The groundbreaking event will kick off Prop X construction, passed by voters in 2008, which will modernize SBUSD schools. The modernization and construction will ensure that South Bay elementary students are in technologically-modernized learning environments. These improvements include health and safety renovations, modernization of classrooms, bathrooms



and cafeterias and the installation of state-of-the-art interactive learning equipment designed to engage and motivate students while increasing teacher productivity.

About Prop X

Prop X is a \$59.4 million school classroom, safety and repair measure approved by South Bay voters in November 2008 that will fund the repairs and improvements needed to ensure that the District's 9,000 students are in a safe, healthy and quality learning environment. The renovations will modernize classrooms, restrooms, and cafeterias; improve handicap accessibility; make health and safety improvements; and improve student access to computers and modern technology. For more information, visit www.buildingpropx.com.

Photo Caption "SBUSD Prop X" (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.

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