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Prop X Construction Broke Ground at Berry and Nestor Elementary Schools *SBUSD continues to upgrade and modernize its campuses*

Imperial Beach, CA – Construction has broken ground at Berry Elementary School and Nestor Elementary School as part of the South Bay Union School District’s construction bond program – Proposition X. In June, both campuses began complete classroom and library modernizations. The buildings will be receiving a complete remodel from top to bottom – from the cabinetry to the floors.

To make certain that each campus can properly serve students in terms of nutritional meals, each campus will also be receiving completely upgraded kitchens with state-of-the art equipment. The multi-purpose rooms at each campus will be upgraded with the latest in audio/visual and information technology equipment to ensure students have the most modern learning environment to prepare them for their futures.

“It is the District’s priority to make sure that our students are equipped with the education and resources that are vital to succeed in today’s technologically advanced society,” said Aby Saadat, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, SBUSD. “We are committed to making sure these children are not only our future, but that they are the leaders of the future.”

South Bay Union School District has been committed to integrating modern technology throughout its campuses and processes. For example, the District has already implemented interactive SMART Board technology on all of its campuses, which increases educational resource possibilities in the classroom and allows faculty and students to thrive in an interactive environment.

Construction is estimated to cost \$5.5 million at Berry Elementary and \$6.9 million at Nestor Elementary. Both campuses are estimated to be completed by November 2012. The modernization program is part of the Prop X construction bond program that is modernizing all of SBUSD’s campuses.

In 2011, SBUSD was the only public school district nation-wide to receive the Gold Vision Award from *Constructech Magazine* for implementing leading-edge software technology to efficiently manage the schedule and budget for its \$83.9 million construction bond program. The well-managed program has continually completed its campus renovation projects on time and on budget.

About Prop X

Prop X is an \$83.9 million school classroom, safety and repair measure approved by South Bay voters in November 2008 that is funding 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.