



Pasadena Unified School District District Service Center Facilities Department

July 19th, 2010: UPDATE to Sierra Madre School Site / Construction

To Our Neighbors:

This is the first Project Update I am sending out to the community regarding the activities at the Sierra-Madre Construction sites. These updates will be sent out weekly so you may be informed of the upcoming site activities. The e-mail request list I have received as a result of the flyer that went out last week is quite small. Although these updates will be made available on the web, I would encourage you to share them with your neighbors.

I must start this first update on a sad and disappointing note. It appears that some time Sunday or Sunday night, an intruder broke into one of the eighth grade classrooms in the wing that will be remaining at the Middle School during new Construction. In addition to the obscene acts of vandalism and defecation, this disturbed individual took it upon themselves to kill two tanks worth of fish that were to remain in the room over summer (this was a zoology classroom). Two of these fish were quite valuable and quite large Oscars which we as a construction team were going out of our way to protect during the demolition. In speaking with both the Assistant Principal and the Police, we believe it was a local student that did this damage. The Police have fingerprints and have been provided with additional information by the school. I am particularly saddened in that of the millions of dollars in construction that we have undertaken throughout Pasadena and Altadena thus far, we have not ever had an incident even close to this anywhere else.

It is with diligence that I ask you, the community, to be vigilant and to watch for anything suspicious or disturbing that you don't think should be happening on the site or is occurring after normal work hours and contact either the District or the Police immediately.

With respect to construction activities; we will be starting to move the modular buildings on site tomorrow, placing them in the lower parking lot. We will be starting demolition today at the cafeteria and multi-purpose room and working our way north through the campus, with the construction fence going up in the next week after the modulares are on site. In addition, we will be bidding the new fence at the south end of the property this week. I expect to have numbers back in approximately ten days to consider an award.

With respect to the Elementary School, when you drive by the parking lot you will see that two large asphalt berms have been put in place to facilitate the existing slope of the site. These are to ensure the modulares can be mounted safely with a level floor.



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The rooms have been emptied of furniture and the contractor has disconnected all the electrical to the existing buildings. Over the next two weeks, you will see trenching for the temporary electrical, excavation for a new permanent electrical vault, and finally, you will see the existing modulars being lifted by crane and set on their new foundations in the parking lot, ready for preparation of the space for construction of the new building.

Should you have any further questions or notice anything that shouldn't be occurring on the site after hours, please don't hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,


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