



## Pasadena Unified School District District Service Center Facilities Department

August 16, 2010: UPDATE to Sierra Madre School Site / Construction

To Our Neighbors:

### Sierra Madre Upper Campus

The final modular is now in place and the set crew is finishing the tie-down and bolting procedure. At this point, the only work remaining on the exterior of the modulares is to complete the ramps and landings, then mount the electrical conduit for the power and low voltage connection to each building.

This morning, concrete was placed for the fence and swale footing along the southern boundary of the project site. This week, we shall continue with the placement of temporary power poles and asphaltting of the fire access road and ramp to the eighth grade wing. Once the temporary poles are in, we shall start stringing the power wires overhead. We have approval from SCE to move forward with our new transformer pad and expect to commence excavating for the undergrounds by Wednesday. SCE have decided that for safety, they would like to replace a deteriorated power pole on the west side of Canon St., opposite the drop-off driveway to the campus. SCE will coordinate this work with the residents directly however, once this pole has been replaced, we will be trenching across the street to take the three main feeders for the school up the new pole. I expect to send plans out to get quotes for the switch gear enclosure on Tuesday of this week.

Upon completion of the electrical and final asphaltting, a construction barrier will be erected between the work proceeding as demolition of the upper campus, and the learning and teaching areas of the temporary school.

The demolition of the existing campus is moving swiftly and cleanly. Almost 100% of the wood coming from the roofs and supports of the existing building is being sent to be recycled. We have only done a small amount of asphalt and concrete demolition to this point however the plan is to recycle as much of that as we can (to CMB) also. The path to remove the final leased modular on the east side of the demolition site is almost clear, including a new construction entry/exit road to the site from Canon St. We are almost to the point where all construction traffic will enter and exit the site through the new gate and new road adjacent Highland.

Finally, tomorrow we expect to tie the three saddles to the water main that traverses the site and install the new water meter and backflow devices. These will remain in place and serve as the new permanent water and fire service to the school.



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### Sierra Madre Lower Campus

Utility trenching on site is 95% complete. The new area conduit connected to the new vaults will be encased in cement tomorrow. Cable and low voltage wiring has begun and the running of conduit connecting each of the modulars for power has begun. We are now working on tying in to the main power supply / switch gear for the site.

Installation of a new gas line across the site to the kitchen is complete and the work to connect to the City sewer on Hermosa Street is complete and patched back.

In the coming week, it is our goal to get the floor cleaning crew into the modulars to wax the floors before we move the furniture back in preparation for the teachers to return to their classrooms.

All work at this site related to the temporary housing project will be complete within two weeks.

We have received back-check comments and notes from the Division of the State Architect for the Upper campus drawing set. Working with the Architect, it is our goal to submit plans to DSA for the Lower campus this Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Turnaround time for DSA right now is approximately four months. We are what is considered a "shovel ready" project, which means we are ready to go to bid as soon as approved and stamped plans are in place. This should afford us some level of priority in review.

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

Sincerely,

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