

## SITE PURCHASED FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Palmetto Elementary School remains the largest elementary school with an enrollment of 980 students for 07-08. South Tamarind Elementary School is a close second with 853 students. Therefore, the Board has made the building of additional elementary schools a very high priority.

To that end, the District has purchased property located at the corner of Merrill and Alder. This property will be home to Elementary School #29 and will bring much-needed relief to our two largest elementary schools.



Artist Rendering of Elementary School #29



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## CITRUS CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL FINALLY GETS A PERMANENT HOME

In 1991, the District opened Citrus High School with ten portable classrooms and an administration building. In subsequent years, the school was expanded with more portable classrooms. Thanks to the generosity of the citizens of Fontana, this school will finally, after almost 20 years, have its own new, permanent facility.

The school will be built at Cypress and Santa Ana Avenues, just a block away from the new high school. The advantage of this location is that the two schools will be able to share career/technical classrooms.



Scale Model of Citrus Continuation High School

## CERTIFICATION OF BOND EXPENDITURES

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, based on the review of the annual financial and performance audit report and information received at Bond Oversight Committee meetings, certifies that the bond proceeds for the 2006/07 fiscal year were expended only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and that no bond proceeds were expended for any teacher or administrator salaries or other operating expenses.



2006-2007

## Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Report to the Public



Fontana Unified School District

### BACKGROUND ON MEASURE C

In June 2006, the voters of the Fontana Unified School District approved Measure C, a \$275 million bond measure designed to pay off existing debt from building new schools, build more schools, and provide for libraries, multi-purpose rooms, and athletic facilities for existing schools in the District.

Because Measure C was an election under Proposition 39, the District is obliged to establish a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. This committee must be comprised of voters who represent parents, parent-teacher organizations, the business community, senior citizens, taxpayer associations, and the community at-large. This committee reviews expenditure reports to ensure that a) bond proceeds are expended only for the purpose set forth in the ballot measure; and b) no bond proceeds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or operating expenses.

### OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FORMED

Applications for the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee were made available to the public, and announcements of a request for applications were published in local newspapers. The Board of Education elected all applicants from this recruitment effort to the Committee. A 15-member committee was seated with representatives from all required citizen groups, but subsequently three members left the Committee for personal reasons. The Committee reports to the Board of Education. No District employees may serve on the Committee, and individuals with a financial relationship with the District may not serve on the Committee. Members serve one- or two-year terms and receive no compensation.

In addition to reviewing bond expenditures, the Committee is required to inform the Board and the public of the expenditures that are made from the Bond proceeds.

### OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Committee met for the first time on November 13, 2006 to organize; the Superintendent appointed Victor Pimentel Chair of the Committee and on February 5, 2007 the Committee elected Edward Velasquez Vice Chair. The Committee reviewed the plans for the first issuance of the Bond. The Committee scheduled a tour of sites under consideration and heard from the District's Bond Counsel.

### BOND EXPENDITURE UPDATE

On August 16, 2006, the Board of Education approved the following projects to be funded with the first \$90 million of the Bond:

- Pay off our existing debt, incurred to build Summit High School and other projects,
- Install new turf and build stadiums at A.B. Miller and Kaiser High Schools,
- Purchase two new elementary sites and one new middle school site and complete the site assessment on three other elementary school sites,
- Complete the design and approval for High School 5, and
- Finish Beech Avenue and Kathy Binks schools with libraries and multi-purpose rooms.

On October 3, 2007, the Board approved the projects for the rest of the Bond money:

- Complete High School 5
- Complete an elementary school in the core part of town
- Complete Citrus Continuation High School

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## INITIAL MEASURE C OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Carlos D. Bravo, Community at-large
- Laryl Clark, Parent/guardian of District student; Community at-large
- Karen Coleman, Active in taxpayer association; Community at-large
- Ken Galasso, Business organization
- Terri Hopfer, Parent/guardian of District student; Active in parent-teacher organization; Community at-large
- Elizabeth Knott, Active in senior citizens' organization; Community at-large
- Gary J. Kovach, Sr., Community at-large
- Victor J. Pimentel, Parent/guardian of District student; Community at-large
- Brandy Siegel, Parent/guardian of District student; Active in parent-teacher organization
- Matthew W. Slowik, Community at-large
- Sherman D. VanVleet, Business organization; Active in senior citizens' organization; Active in taxpayer organization; Community at-large
- Luis A. Vaquera, Parent/guardian of District student; Active in parent-teacher organization
- Edward A. Velasquez, Parent/guardian of District student; Active in parent-teacher organization; Community at-large
- Beatrice Watson, Community at-large
- Michael K. Wubker, Sr., Parent/guardian of District student; Community at-large

## MEASURE C AUDIT REPORT

### Measure C Revenue - July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

Bond Sale	\$90,000,000
Premium on Bond Issuance	\$1,561,113
Interest Earnings	\$1,747,025
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	\$93,308,138

### Measure C Expenditures - July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

Payment of Certificates of Participation	\$34,034,382
Bond Services Issuance	\$1,561,113
Project Expenditures	\$10,651,190
Interfund Transfers	\$1,002,765
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	\$47,249,450

### Fund Balance - June 30, 2007 \$46,058,688

Nigro Nigro & White, CPAs, issued the following overall finding on the use of Measure C funds for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007:

“The proceeds from the sale of Measure C bonds were used for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purposes, such as teacher and administrator salaries.”



## WHAT VOTERS APPROVED

Measure C included the provision that “the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall only be used for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including teachers’ and administrators’ salaries and other school operating expense.” The Measure assures voters that the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will go to:

- Repairing, upgrading, and/or replacing obsolete classrooms, instructional facilities, sites, and utilities;
- School safety improvements, such as traffic flow, handicapped accessibility, etc.;
- Refinancing existing lease obligations, replacing interim obligations, and increasing funds for maintenance of buildings;
- Expanding classroom and facility capacity to reduce overcrowding;
- Purchasing computers and land for new schools; and
- Building energy efficient libraries, labs, facilities, and elementary, middle, and high schools.

Although there is no way we could do all the projects possible with the funds available, the District, through the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee, must ensure that the funds are only used for these purposes.

## BEECH AVENUE AND KATHY BINKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

On July 26, Kathy Binks opened its doors to students for the first time and Beech Avenue School began its life divided between West Randall and Live Oak. Beech Avenue School officially opened for business on November 27. Although the classrooms and administration facilities for both schools were built with State funds, the State does not pay for libraries or multi-purpose rooms. So, a high priority for the Board was to make these two new schools whole, that is, to use the Bond funds to add the library and multi-purpose rooms at both schools.

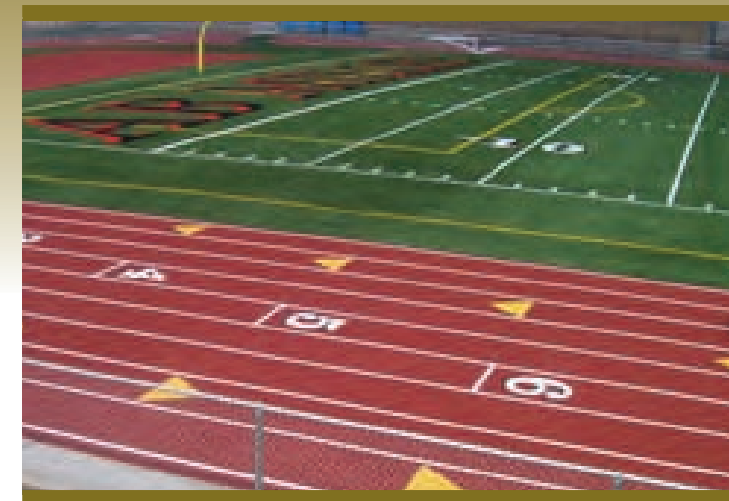
The opening of Beech Avenue School allowed Live Oak and West Randall Elementary Schools to adopt the single track, year-round schedule that is the Board’s hope for all elementary schools. Additionally, Kathy Binks Elementary will mean that Juniper Elementary School will also go to the single track schedule for the 08-09 school year. This is a dream realized, thanks to the voters of Fontana Unified School District.



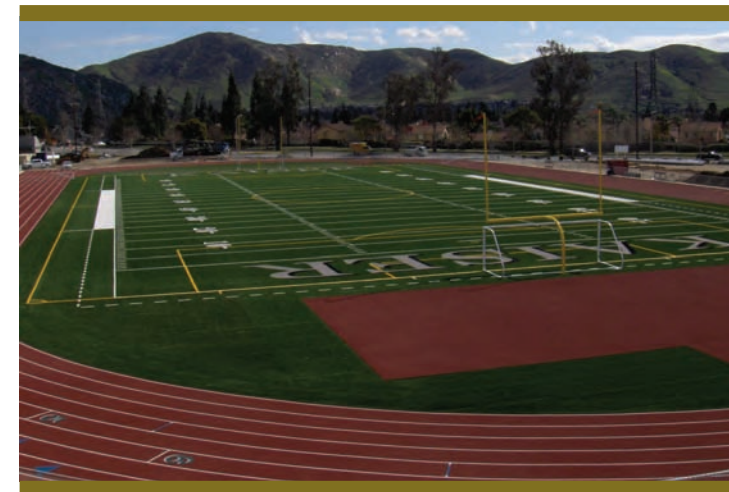
First Day at Kathy Binks Elementary School



Construction of Phase II at Beech Avenue Elementary School



A.B. Miller Stadium



Kaiser Stadium

## NEW FOOTBALL STADIUMS AT A.B. MILLER AND KAISER HIGH SCHOOLS

In the category of upgrading existing facilities, the Board received strong public requests for better football fields in the north and south of the city. With the completion of the two stadiums, there are now excellent fields throughout the city.

The Athletic Directors and coaches from both schools agreed that the new and improved artificial surfaces were preferable to grass fields. The District agreed that they would be far less expensive to maintain. The new artificial turf actually reduces injuries to students as the field is built over a layer of padding.

The A.B. Miller field was ready for play for the 2007 football season, but the bleachers, press box, and concession stands will not be ready until the 2008 season. Kaiser's new stadium is well underway and will be completed in time for graduation in June 2008.