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OUSD to Host Portola Middle School Renovation Ceremony

ORANGE, Calif., September 24, 2008 – Modernization is complete, and on Thursday, November 6, 2008, the Orange Unified School District will host a renovation ceremony at Portola Middle School to celebrate. A tour of the newly renovated facilities will begin at 5:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. the ceremony will begin, and Principal Debra Thompson will provide opening remarks and introductions. Additional speakers will include members of the Board of Education and Superintendent Renae Dreier. Refreshments will be provided.

Portola Middle School was constructed in 1959 and has not experienced any significant site wide upgrades since that time. The Board of Education awarded modernization contracts to LMA Architects of Santa Ana, CA and T & Y Construction of Upland, CA, for architectural and construction services on Portola Middle School.

The school consists of 31 permanent classrooms, three portables, Library, Computer Lab, and Resource Room. The scope of work included new energy efficient windows and HVAC units, electrical and technology upgrades to all classrooms, new floor and wall coverings, new roofs, redesigned administration, counseling, locker rooms and instructional spaces, new teaching walls with integrated storage and new, energy efficient lighting.

The total project budget of \$9 million was funded with approximately \$4 million from state funding sources and the balance (\$5 million) from District funds. The District funds consist of redevelopment area funds, deferred maintenance funds and the proceeds of a Certificate of Participation (COP) created specifically to fund modernizations.

Portola Middle School is located at 270 N. Palm Dr., Orange

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