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### **OUSD to Host Sycamore Elementary School Renovation Ceremony**

ORANGE, Calif., September 22, 2009 – Modernization is complete, and on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, the Orange Unified School District will host a renovation ceremony at Sycamore Elementary School to celebrate. A tour of the newly renovated facilities will begin at 5:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. the ceremony will begin, and Principal Kathy Bruce, Ed.D., will provide opening remarks and introductions. Additional speakers will include members of the Board of Education and Superintendent Renae Dreier. Refreshments will be provided.

Sycamore Elementary School was constructed in 1956 and has not experienced any significant site wide upgrades since that time. The Board of Education awarded modernization contracts to GKK Work of Irvine, CA and Meadows Construction Services of Corona, CA, for architectural and construction services on Sycamore Elementary School.

The school consists of 19 permanent classrooms, 5 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 and instructional spaces, new teaching walls with integrated storage and new ceilings with energy efficient lighting.

The total construction budget of \$7.2 million was funded with approximately \$3 million from state funding sources and the balance (\$4.2 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.

*Sycamore Elementary is located at 340 N. Main Street, Orange, CA*

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*The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA*

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