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Sycamore Elementary School Renovation Ceremony a Success

ORANGE, Calif., October 7, 2009 –On Tuesday, October 6, 2009, the Orange Unified School District hosted a ceremony at Sycamore Elementary School celebrating the newly renovated facilities. The event included classroom tours, musical entrainment, a ribbon cutting ceremony and refreshments.

Principal Kathy Bruce, Ed.D., hosted the ceremony and commented, “Our new classrooms are inspiring our teachers to engage students in new and different ways which will lead to their success.”

The ceremony was also attended by Board of Education Vice President Mr. John H. Ortega and Board Clerk Mr. Mark Wayland. Also in attendance were OUSD Superintendent of Schools Renae Dreier, Ed.D., OUSD staff, students, families, and community members. The Villa Park Jazz Band under the direction of Chuck Jay provided entertainment. In addition, the Orange High School ROTC presented the colors for the event. Attendees were also treated to a performance by Sycamore’s kindergarten class. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the evening.

Mr. Ortega commended the students, Sycamore staff and parents for their patience during the yearlong process, “This is truly a school that is enhancing the learning environment for Sycamore students.”

The renovation 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 was \$7.2 million.

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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