



New School Update:

Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary School

As part of Proposition MM, San Diego City Schools is constructing 12 new and three rebuilt schools to alleviate overcrowding in the city's most densely populated and rapidly developing areas.

Here is an update on Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary School:

- **School opens:** September 2007
- **Principal:** To be determined.
- **Status:** Construction began in February 2005.
- **Location:** 4271 Myrtle Avenue, San Diego, CA 92105. City Heights. The site is bound by Myrtle Avenue on the north, 43rd Street on the east, Thorn Street on the south, the alley between VanDyke Avenue and 42nd Street on the west, and excludes the southeastern corner located to the east of the alley between 43rd Street and VanDyke.
- **Purpose:** Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary will ease overcrowding at Edison Elementary, Hamilton Elementary and Rosa Parks Elementary. It will also eliminate student overflow at Bayview Terrace Elementary and a kindergarten overflow annex at Hoover High School.
- **New school size:** The new school will accommodate 700 students in grades K-5 on 6.3 acres.
- **Acquisition and relocation:** The new school required the acquisition of 34 parcels, and the relocation of 129 households consisting of 602 residents. Of the 129 households, 16 used their relocation funds to become first-time homeowners.
- **Name of new school:** The school is named for the Olympic track star who advocated for urban youth.
- **Campus features:** 32 classrooms, 55,666 square feet of facilities, 6.3 acres, 79 parking spaces, 105 trees and 1,983 shrubs, vines and groundcovers, joint-use field for soccer and baseball, multipurpose room, library/media center, lunch shelter, elevator and accessibility features, kitchen, faculty lounge, administrative center, and energy-efficient design features. The buildings' steel columns and roof lines express the spirit of Florence Griffith Joyner, the athlete, in their dynamic swiftness and strength.
- **Project partners:** Erickson-Hall Construction, JCJ / Blackman architecture, douglas e. barnhart

<h2>Summary</h2>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Proposition MM is a \$1.51 billion bond measure passed by 78 percent of San Diego voters in 1998. It funds construction of 12 new and three rebuilt schools and modernization of 161 existing schools. ❖ For more information about Proposition MM, including maps of the new school sites, go to www.sandi.net/propmm.

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The mission of San Diego City Schools is to improve student achievement by supporting teaching and learning in the classroom.