



New School Update:

Walter Porter 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 Walter Porter Elementary School:

- **School opens:** OPEN! Walter Porter Elementary (south) opened on January 17, 2006. Walter Porter Elementary (north) will open in January 2007.
- **Principal:** Evva Cross
- **Status:** Construction is completed on Walter Porter Elementary (south). Demolition and reconstruction has begun on Walter Porter Elementary (north), which is the former Kennedy Elementary campus.
- **Location:** 4800 T Street, San Diego, CA 92113. Lincoln Park. The site is bound by Ocean View Boulevard on the north, T Street on the south, 47th Street on the west, and Gloria Street on the east.
- **Purpose:** Walter Porter Elementary will ease overcrowding in the former Kennedy Elementary and Knox Elementary attendance area.
- **New school size:** Each new school will accommodate 500 students grades K-5, for a total of 1,000 students on 12.6 acres.
- **Acquisition and relocation:** Not required. The new schools are being built on district-owned property, which saved more than \$18 million in land acquisition costs.
- **Name of new school:** The name "Walter Porter" was selected by the community in honor of a much-admired leader who served as president of the local NAACP, helped start the annual Martin Luther King parade and was founding Dean of Student Services for the Educational Cultural Complex in southeast San Diego.
- **Campus features:** 26 classrooms, 44,345 square feet of facilities, 6.3 acres, 65 parking spaces, 67 new trees, hundreds of shrubs, a joint-use field for soccer and baseball, multipurpose room, library/media center, lunch shelter, elevator and accessibility features, kitchen, faculty lounge, workroom and administrative center. The campus will consist of all modular (factory-built) buildings with stucco exterior and metal roofing.
- **Project partners:** Modtech, Soltek Pacific, R.J. Maus Architects

<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.