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Principal named for Normal Heights Elementary

New Prop. MM school will open its doors in September

SAN DIEGO – John Aguilar has been named principal at Normal Heights Elementary School, scheduled to open in fall 2006.

Aguilar has 14 years experience in education, most recently as principal at Sherman Elementary. He has also served as vice principal at Spreckels and Logan elementary schools and as a staff developer. His teaching background is in biliteracy and English learners with students in kindergarten through 8th grades. He holds a master's degree from National University and a bachelor's degree from San Diego State University.

Normal Heights Elementary is scheduled to open in fall 2006 and is being built to serve 600 students in kindergarten through 5th grades. It will help ease classroom overcrowding at nearby Adams and Franklin elementary schools.

The project is funded by Proposition MM, the \$1.51 billion bond measure passed by San Diego voters in 1998. Proposition MM is funding the modernization of 161 existing schools and construction of 12 new and three rebuilt schools.

The new school, situated on 5.9 acres in the historic Normal Heights neighborhood, will include 28 classrooms, a library, multipurpose room, state-of-the-art technology, energy efficient design features and a grass playfield.

With community input, trees on the construction site are being preserved during construction, including California and Brazilian Pepper trees, Canary Island palms and Ficus. The school's colorful design will reflect the artistic nature of the community. A "grand corridor" through the center of campus will provide public access after-hours via a curvilinear sidewalk with architectural lamppost lighting.

The architect is Zagrodnik + Thomas; the general contractor is Soltek Pacific.

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