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Manhattan Beach Unified School District

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Applications Available for MBUSD Bond Oversight Committee Positions

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In 2008, the MBUSD Board of Trustees established the Measure BB Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. The mission of the MBUSD Bond Oversight Committee is to independently review and authenticate the planning and execution of the MBUSD Measure BB bond program, inform the public and the Board concerning the expenditure of bond proceeds and ensure that such bond proceeds are used in accordance with the intentions of the voters and state law.

On November 2, 2011, the Board of Trustees approved the contract for the \$54 million construction project at Mira Costa High School using the BB bonds approved by Manhattan Beach voters in 2008. This project will add new facilities and modernize most other buildings on campus, as well provide a new quad area for students. Groundbreaking for the project is scheduled for December 16, 2011.

The MBUSD Bond Oversight Committee is an organization appointed by the MBUSD Board of Trustees that is comprised of thirteen members. Six of those members have served the maximum of two terms, so there are six positions open. Applications for those openings are now being accepted.

The Board is particularly interested in applicants who:

- Are active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization
- Are active in a Manhattan Beach business organization
- Are active in a senior citizens' organization
- Are the parent/guardian of a child in the district or
- Are active in a PTA or School Site Council in the District

In addition, the following areas of expertise are desirable:

- Architecture/Engineering
- Construction Law
- Financial Management
- Real Estate Sales/Development
- Construction Management

To locate the application and the Bond Oversight Committee Bylaws online, go to the district's website, www.mbusd.org, and select the "Mira Costa Construction Project" button. The bylaws provide additional information about the history, mission, purpose, activities, rules, and procedures of the Bond Oversight Committee. Potential applicants may also obtain an application by calling Nancy Bogart at (310) 318-7345, x5902. Applications are due January 6, 2012.

About the Manhattan Beach Unified School District

Manhattan Beach Unified School District ranks as the third highest performing unified school district in the State of California with a 2011 Growth Academic Performance Index (API) of 932. MBUSD serves nearly 7,000 students from preschool to twelfth grade at eight school campuses—one preschool, five elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. Mira Costa High School's API of 911 places it in the top 1.3% of public high schools in California, and it was named number fifteen in ESPN's "Fab 50" High Schools in the Unified States in 2010 for its superior athletic programs. In addition to outstanding students and excellent teachers, MBUSD is extremely fortunate to have a high level of parental involvement in the schools and very strong partnerships with the Manhattan Beach Education and Athletic Foundations, the City of Manhattan Beach, Chevron, Northrop Grumman, Continental Development, the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations and businesses. More information about MBUSD is available at <u>www.mbusd.org</u>.