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Groundbreaking Celebration for Construction Project at Mira Costa High School

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The Board of Trustees of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District cordially invites members of the community to join them for a ceremonial groundbreaking of the Mira Costa High School construction project. Funded through Measure BB, this three-phase project includes the addition of a new math/science building, performance theater, student quad area and modernization of almost all classrooms on the Mira Costa campus. For more information about the scope of Measure BB, log on to the district's website, www.mbusd.org, and select the button entitled, "Mira Costa Construction Project." The resulting webpage provides a link to a virtual tour of the planned Measure BB construction narrated by MBUSD Superintendent Dr. Michael Matthews as well as several documents and other pertinent information.

The ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday December 16, 2011, at the site of the new Mira Costa High School Math/Science Building on Peck Avenue, approximately one block north of Artesia Blvd. in Manhattan Beach. All interested community members are invited to attend.

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 www.mbusd.org.