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MBUSD Board to Begin Construction Project at Mira Costa High School

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On a vote of 5-0, the Manhattan Beach Unified School District Board of Trustees approved a contract with Bernards Brothers Construction Management Services of Los Angeles to complete the Mira Costa High School building/renovation project funded by the Measure BB Bond Program. The three-phase project, costing \$54.7 million, includes a new state-of-the-art math/science building, multi-purpose center, student quad and a number of improvements to existing facilities. The project is expected to be finalized during the winter of 2014.

The entire project is to be completed under a "lease lease-back" arrangement with Bernards Brothers, in which Bernards agrees to deliver a finished product at a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of \$45,800,193. The balance of the project's funds will be used to purchase furniture and equipment for the new buildings and to pay for construction support services such as insurance and architectural, legal and inspection fees.

On Saturday, November 5th, Bernards began fencing the perimeter of the phase one construction site, a former student parking lot off Peck Avenue on the east side of the Mira Costa campus. Construction trailers, equipment and materials immediately began moving onsite. Removal of the parking lot and preparation for foundation work of the math/science building is expected to begin in early December. Faculty parking has been relocated to the west side of the campus off of Meadows Avenue, and students are utilizing the parking lot located at the southeast corner of Artesia and Peck.

One of the major goals of the district will be to provide updates on the progress of the project. The MBUSD website features a video explaining the three phases of the project, and it will also provide frequent updates on the project's status. Michael Matthews, Superintendent of Schools, stated, "I have heard from many Manhattan Beach residents that it is critical for the district to provide our community with information about the progress of the construction budget and the construction timeline. We plan to have that information readily available on the website and to provide frequent updates at Board meetings."

The scope of the entire project is based on extensive input from the community. Items scheduled for completion in the project include:

- New math-science building
- New music facility
- New multi-purpose room that can be used as a small theater
- New student quad area
- Modernization of all existing classrooms
- Campus safety, fire safety and security improvements
- Technology improvements
- Expansion of food services facilities

Commenting on the Board's action last Wednesday, Board member Ida VanderPoorte remarked, "Three years ago our community passed Measure BB and we began developing our master plan for Mira Costa High School. As the process began we knew it would be a stretch to accomplish everything. This week we signed a contract that will allow us to complete almost all of the items in the original master plan. I am thrilled!"

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 www.mbusd.org.