



San Diego Unified School District Building Quality Neighborhood Schools

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Dear Parents and Neighbors:

Subject: Construction Begins on Ocean Discovery Institute Living Lab Project

This December, the San Diego Unified School District is beginning construction on the Ocean Discovery Institute Living Lab Project that will be constructed on the property located at 4255 Thorn Street located on the south side of Joyner Elementary School. During this project, you may see and hear work associated with site preparation and construction. The following information describes the project, and outlines some of the upcoming construction activities.

Project: San Diego Unified School District and Ocean Discovery Institute entered into a joint venture agreement to construct and operate the Ocean Discovery Living Lab facility that will be used to provide educational programs in lab-based and outdoor science and environmental conservation. The Living Lab facility shall provide significant science and other educational opportunities to more than 10,000 youth per year who attend the 14 district public schools in the City Heights area.

The Living Lab facility will be a 12,000-square-foot, two-story building that will include two laboratories, administrative space with approximately 35,000 square feet of outdoor features that will include nature play elements and a natural trail.

What to expect: Our contractors will do their best to limit noise, dust and disruptions associated with this project. Neighbors living in the area surrounding the construction project can anticipate utility outages required to bring the utility infrastructure to the new facility. The City of San Diego and San Diego Gas & Electric will notify residents in advance of the planned outages. Properties adjacent to the site will be separated by screened fences.

Construction is by nature a disruption we tolerate to improve school facilities for the future, and we appreciate your patience while this project is underway. When the Ocean Discovery Institute Living Lab project is finished, Joyner Elementary School and City Heights students and community will benefit for years to come.

Completion: Construction is expected to be completed during spring 2017.

When a project is complete, often there's a dedication ceremony and/or open house for the new facility. Should such an event be scheduled, and you would like an invitation, please send your name, e-mail address and phone number to SDUSDFacilitiesInfo@sandi.net.

This project is part of the district's capital improvement program funded by Propositions S and Z, which were passed by voters in 2008 and 2012 respectively and grants and donations provided to Ocean Discovery Institute for the purpose of building this facility. For more project details, please visit <https://fpcprojects.sandi.net/Pages/Reports.aspx?SchoolName=9130> (scroll down to "Project Schedules") or contact Francisco Campuzano, project manager, by phone at 858-637-3510 or by e-mail at fcampuzano@sandi.net.

Sincerely,



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