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Honorable Richard Barrera and
Members of The Board of Education
San Diego Unified School District
4100 Normal Street, Room 2231
San Diego, CA 92103

Subject: Proposition S Project Acceleration

Dear President Barrera and Members of the Board of Education:

In March 2011, eleven selected whole-site modernization (WSM) projects were accelerated in order to secure matching state grant funds earlier.

As referenced in Prop. S ballot language, state grants have always been included in project budget allocations. Prop. S projects depend on the receipt of \$188 million in state grants — this anticipated amount has not changed with acceleration of these projects.

Original sequencing of WSM projects appears to have been based on a prioritization matrix developed to target limited bond funds to school sites with the most pressing needs. These accelerated projects will move in front of WSM projects that are considered higher priority.

In addition, three projects to install new running tracks and artificial fields were accelerated ahead of other listed work and programmed stadium improvements.

The reshuffling of the above project priorities was done without an assessment of the impact on other projects. The current estimated cost of competing listed Prop. S work is between \$2.30 billion and \$2.43 billion against available funds of about \$2.29 billion including the above anticipated state grants; the current estimated shortfall is between \$10 million and \$140 million. These estimates make it clear that projects scheduled late in the Prop. S program are at risk.

When staff reports are generated, they must evaluate if other projects are impacted, and if so, state the ramifications to those projects and the schedule in total. The Board of Education needs complete and accurate data to make informed decisions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gil Johnson,
Chair