

## SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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San Leandro Unified School District and the Board of Education Celebrates New Windows with Dedication Ceremony at Wilson Elementary

The San Leandro community is invited to attend a Window Dedication Ceremony at Wilson Elementary on Friday, October 13, 2006 at 10 a.m. to celebrate the \$5 million installation in new windows at Wilson, Monroe and Garfield Elementary Schools and John Muir Middle School. Funding for the innovative window replacement came from the Port of Oakland as part of the Noise Abatement Project. Additionally, 200 San Leandro homes have received or are scheduled to receive sound insulation as part of the Noise Abatement Program.

"Studies show that there is a strong correlation between noise levels and student learning," said Superintendent Chris Lim. "High noise levels adversely affect student achievement. Our teachers, students and families are very happy that the Port of Oakland has made this critical improvement to schools located on a heavy air traffic area. All classrooms are benefiting."

Windows at Wilson Elementary and John Muir Middle School were designed by AEDIS Architecture, and windows at Monroe and Garfield Elementary Schools were designed by MWM Architects. Zolman Construction installed the windows over the summer in time for the first day of school.

"Zolman Construction did an incredible job getting the windows done in such a short amount of time," said project managers Alaine Brown and Dennis Cooper, Harris & Associates.

The Dedication Ceremony is made possible through the generosity of AEDIS Architecture, a full service architectural firm specializing in educational and education-related architecture and planning. AEDIS is located in San Jose, California.

Oakland International Airport (OAK) recently completed a 6-year sound insulation program in the city of Alameda. Sound insulation improvements were offered to 629 eligible homeowners located on Bay Farm Island in Alameda. Results showed that the average interior sound level was reduced by 5 to 7 decibels (dB).

As part of the Airport's community outreach efforts, the Oakland Airport-Community Noise Management Forum was created to address community noise concerns and make recommendations on noise related issues at the Airport. Forum representatives include one elected official and one citizen from eight neighboring cities, Alameda County, Marin County and the Port Director of Aviation and join efforts to facilitate cooperation between the Airport and local communities.

OAK has over 200 flights a day on 12 domestic and international carriers to 39 nonstop destinations. The airport is a revenue division of the Port of Oakland, an independent department of the city of Oakland. OAK is in the midst of a Terminal Improvement Program, designed to add even more convenience, security and service to the travel experience. In Terminal 2, the program encompasses a new seven-gate concourse and waiting areas; the newly-opened baggage claim facility;

expanded ticketing and security facilities; and a modern, centralized food, beverage and retail shopping area. Additional improvements to the terminal roadway and curbsides will improve access and ease traffic congestion in front of both terminals. Program completion is expected in 2008. Visit oaklandairport.com for more information.

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