

BULLETIN #2 CUSD UPDATE AND ASBESTOS REPORT



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Education of Students:

- On Wednesday, April 28, 2010, CUSD held its First Parent Drop In Center. We are happy to announce that 6,413 of 9,332 enrolled students received educational packets. Thanks to all of our parents, students and staff for their support!

Maintenance Report:

- Three major contractors have been employed and began repairs on Wednesday evening, April 28, 2010. They are currently alternating between two ten-hour shifts, diligently working to meet the tentatively scheduled May 10 re-opening date.
- The Inspector of Records from the Division of State Architects is on board and has begun to work with contractors to ensure that all repairs are up to code and the safety of our students is met.
- Site repairs:
 - Mains Elementary— The removal of the soffits (overhangs on each building) has begun.
 - Dool Elementary— Electrical and ceiling repair has begun.
 - William Moreno Jr. High— Two major gas leaks in Wings A and B should be repaired by Monday, May 3, 2010. A welder has been employed to help fix the gas lines. Food Services will move to De Anza Jr. High.
 - De Anza Jr. High—The removal of the modulars has begun.
 - Other sites—minor repairs continue, to include the securing of all loose bookcases and furniture.
- Maintenance and Operations Department— We would like to thank all of our dedicated Maintenance and Operations staff, as well as all site custodians and classified staff, for their hard work in initiating the task of cleaning up all sites.
 - The M & O staff is also working together with the contractors to complete all repairs.

ASBESTOS UPDATE:

- Every six months all sites undergo an inspection for asbestos to comply with State and EPA laws. These Inspections are conducted by an outside source.
- After each inspection, a report is compiled. If any abnormalities are found, a report is sent to the EPA. The District must comply with all EPA regulations.
- As of today, April 29, 2010, the following sites have been detected with traces of asbestos due to the earthquake: Jefferson Elementary, Calexico High School and De Anza Jr. High School. Asbestos was found on the stucco ceiling and soffits. The abatement process began on Monday, April 26, 2010; however, it was temporarily suspended by the contractors due to high winds and concerns about the safety of their employees.
- All other sites have been sampled and tested negative for asbestos. Those sites have been deemed safe in regards to asbestos.
- Testing and monitoring will continue as will the reporting of any asbestos issues.
- The District will continue to ensure that the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority.

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