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NEWS AND INFORMATION

**CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL BREAKS GROUND ON RENOVATION
Reconstruction project is part of Scottsdale Unified School District Bond Program**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (Oct. 16th, 2006) – Studies have proven that there is something about a good physical environment that makes students and faculty feel better about going to school. Scottsdale voters had this foresight when they passed a 2004 bond initiative, enabling the Scottsdale Unified School District to undertake a major facility modernization program. Today the District broke ground on its third construction project currently underway, the \$50 million modernization of Chaparral High School.

“Although it’s challenging to undertake a major construction project during the school year, we’re fortunate to have builders with experience in accommodating the unique requirements of a school facility,” said David J. Peterson, executive director of the district’s facility management for learners.

The Tempe-based southwest region of McCarthy Building Companies Inc. (www.mccarthy.com) is overseeing the renovation, and Phoenix-based Orcutt/Winslow Partnership is the design partner. McCarthy recently completed a major upgrade project for the Glendale Union High School District, a two-year phased project that included upgrade of media centers, library facilities and HVAC systems.

The two phases of the reconstruction include a 372,000 square-foot renovation of all but three buildings on the campus. Components include the construction of a new gymnasium, additions and remodeling of an existing auditorium and several classrooms, plus the remodeling of existing facilities on campus to accommodate other uses. Special areas of interest are the new auto-CAD labs, FACS and a state-of-the-art gymnasium. Other site improvements will include new hardscaping, landscaping, parking lots and tennis courts. The entire project is expected to be complete by November, 2008.

“This is an exciting time to be a student, parent or faculty member in the Scottsdale Unified School District,” said District Superintendent Dr. John M. Baracy. “The intrinsic value of this bond program cannot be understated; it’s helping to make our District a magnet for top quality faculty and creates a focused and energized student body.”

Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross, District Governing Board members and other community leaders were on hand to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony.

Scottsdale Unified School District is *Arizona's most Excelling school district*, with 21 schools earning the state's highest rating, "Excelling". All Scottsdale schools are rated as Performing, Performing Plus, Highly Performing or Excelling by the Arizona Department of Education. For more information about Scottsdale Unified, please visit www.susd.org/.

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