Newport-Mesa Unified School District Announces
Retirements and Reassignment of Elementary Principals

On Friday, March 5, 2010, the following elementary school principals formally announced their intentions to retire from the Newport-Mesa Unified School District effective June 30, 2010.

The District has established community forums to take input from the individual school communities of Andersen, Adams, and Newport Coast Elementary schools to provide input as part of the process to find a new principal for the 2010/11 school year.

Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Hubbard stated, “N-MUSD has outstanding principals at all levels of the organization and the input from the communities these schools serve will help to determine the current strengths, qualities and needs of their future principal. We will review all of our options and I look forward to hearing from these communities. These are stellar principals to follow. Mary Manos has led with a humble yet commanding presence that cannot be replicated. Candy Cloud has been a consistent, focused and dedicated instructional leader. Rich Rodriguez has proven his dedication to creating a collaborative school culture to provide the best education for kids. A philosophy I know he will continue to foster as Principal of TeWinkle.”

Mary Manos, Principal of Andersen Elementary School, Retiring

Mary has served as the Principal of Andersen for the last 11 years. Principal Manos has lead the school to many successes during her tenure including: recognition as a California Distinguished School, recipient of a Golden Bell Award for Technology, a 943 Academic Performance Index, implementation and visits from legendary Coach John Wooden and his “Pyramid of Success” Character Education Program, and for being selected as one of only three schools in Orange County to greet and host a visit by former First Lady of the United States, Laura Bush, while promoting her children’s book. Mary credits the dedication of the students and staff and incredible support of the families and community for Andersen’s success and accomplishments. “My passion and support for the continued success of the Andersen school community, and the Andersen students will always serve as a cornerstone in my life.”

A community forum is scheduled to be held at Andersen Elementary School on March 22, 2010 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to receive input from the Andersen community as part of the District’s process for finding a new principal for the 2010/11 school year.

Candy Cloud, Principal of Adams Elementary School, Retiring

Candy Cloud has served as the Principal of Adams Elementary School for the last 10 years. 2010 culminates Candy’s 40 years of service to education. Principal Cloud has led the school through the Measure A renovations and improvements, implemented enrichment programs, and has continued to consistently raise test scores. Candy recently reflected on her tenure at Adams and shared one of her greatest rewards has been to watch students grow from entering kindergarten to graduating high school and becoming successful adults. Candy expressed her heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the entire Adams community for their support and kindness. “It has been a privilege to work with your children and be a part of so many young lives and families. It has been my honor to be a part of something truly significant.”

A community forum is scheduled to be held at Adams Elementary School on March 18, 2010 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to receive input from the Adams community as part of the District’s process for finding a new principal for the 2010/11 school year.

Rich Rodriguez, Principal of Newport Coast Elementary School, Reassigned to TeWinkle

A community forum is scheduled to be held at Newport Coast Elementary School on March 15, 2010 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to receive input from the Newport Coast community as part of the District’s process for finding a new principal for the 2010/11 school year.

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