

El Monte Union High School District

COC Annual Written Report

March 7, 2007

We, the members of the COC, are pleased to submit the third annual COC report on the El Monte Union High School District's Measure Y General Obligation Bond to the Board of Trustees. Over the past three years much work has been completed at each of the five comprehensive high schools as verified on Exhibits A, B, C, D, and E.

We are extremely excited with the ground breaking that took place on November 20, 2006, and the construction of the North Campus Project at El Monte High School, as well as the ground breaking of the Warehouse, Bus Garage, Maintenance facility project at South El Monte High School that was held on February 26, 2007.

The District has kept the COC members informed of all phases of the various construction projects. We have reviewed the demographics of the District, reviewed the Los Angeles County Office of Education projections for declining enrollment, reviewed construction budget summaries, discussed the usage of surplus properties and various options for additional funding.

Our tour of the District's construction sites was very impressive. We viewed the grading and site work at El Monte High School, visited the new science laboratories and tennis courts at El Monte High School and visited the construction site at South El Monte High School for the proposed Warehouse, Bus Garage and Maintenance facility. We saw the completed upper deck walkways, damaged by dry rot/termites at South El Monte High School, walked the new baseball field at Mountain View High School and saw the new gymnasium floor at Mountain View High School. Overall, the work that has been completed throughout the district is most impressive.

We are very disappointed that the increased cost of construction has impacted the District to the point of not being able to complete all projects. We applaud the Board of Trustees for their desire to fully complete all proposed projects and not to short change any school or the students and staff. We further support the Board of Trustees in their pursuit of alternative funding sources, including, but not limited to, the sale of surplus properties and the exploration of a second GO Bond.