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LAUSD STUDENTS, PARENTS, OFFICIALS CELEBRATE UNVEILING OF WILSHIRE PARK ELEMENTARY

School will offer rigorous core curriculum to neighborhood students

(Los Angeles) – Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board Member Mónica García and Local District 3 Superintendent Grace Strauther were joined by students, parents and community members to celebrate the ribbon-cutting for Wilshire Park Elementary. Also participating were representatives of the Wilshire Park Association, which has embraced the new school as an asset to the community, and played a key role in mobilizing active parent engagement.

“It gives me great pleasure and enthusiasm to open another school that will improve the quality of education for the children and families of this community,” said Board Member García.

The school, which opened at the beginning of the school year, offers 650 seats to students in the surrounding neighborhood, and relieves overcrowding at nearby Pio Pico, Hobart and Wilton Place elementary schools. The new Wilshire Park Elementary campus includes 26 new classrooms allocated to general studies, a library, administration and multipurpose rooms.

“With the opening of this school, overcrowded conditions at nearby elementary schools will be relieved,” said Superintendent Roy Romer. “For the first time in a very long time, the children in the Wilshire Park neighborhood will have the opportunity to attend a school within their community.”

Wilshire Park Elementary School is one of 13 new schools opening this year as part of the LAUSD’s \$19.3 billion school construction program. By the end of 2006, the LAUSD will have completed 65 new schools and 44 additions, creating 67,000 new seats and eliminating involuntary bussing for all elementary school students.

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