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Model Classroom Open House Tours

To provide a visual preview of new and renovated classrooms, Bob Kiesling, Executive Director of Facilities Management organized tours of the model classroom located on the Grossmont High School campus, room 805. Tours were scheduled from May 29 through June 7, allowing board members, teachers, principals, students and staff to walk through the space and offer feedback.

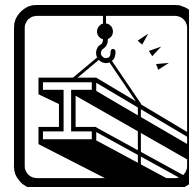
The primary goal was to garner the opinions of those individuals who will use the newly modernized rooms and utilize that information to revise plans that might otherwise not be optimal. The Open House Tours were a huge success, with lessons learned and some changes planned. Below are photos of the model classroom.



El Capitan is Made for Shade

Added to the list of District schools that have received shade structures is El Capitan High School. The additional seating that is provided by the benches which accompany the structures is an important feature at this school. Students can now comfortably find shade and relax out of the glare of the sun. Durable and attractive, the white-roofed pavilions pictured below update the aesthetics of this 40+ year-old campus. Other renovations on the Lakeside campus include the installation of interim housing units. Teachers and students will begin occupying these units at the start of school in August 2007 to enable modernization of their permanent classrooms.





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Architectural Team Expanded

To support implementation of Phase 3A - *Modernization/Construction of New Science Classrooms*, two architectural firms have been hired.

Established in 1980, **Mele Amantea Architects II, LLP**, has served a variety of public clients, including San Diego Unified and Murrieta Valley Unified School Districts. Projects have included master plans, economic analyses, interior and exterior renovations, new school buildings and building renovations. Approximately 80% of the firm's work is renovation. Modernization of the classroom buildings at Mt. Miguel will begin in the Summer of 2008 and Mele Amantea will be the primary architects on this project.

With over twenty-five years of practice in the San Diego region, **Platt/Whitelaw Architects** has established a strong reputation as a full service architectural firm. Platt/Whitelaw specializes in sustainable design and is committed to creating energy efficient, healthful teaching and learning environments.

With those qualifications, it is no surprise that Platt/Whitelaw was selected as the architect for both Valhalla High and Viking Center. The sites are in the assessment and design phase, with work projected to begin Summer of 2008. Valhalla's uniquely structured building is a standout in the community and its renovations are greatly anticipated by staff and parents.

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