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Proposition H Update from the Chair of the Board:

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year! The Governing Board of the Grossmont Union High School District is excited about the many improvements taking place at our community schools, and is dedicated to the ongoing commitment toward fulfilling all aspects of the Proposition H Bond. In light of that endeavor, the Board formed a community Bond Advisory Commission to deliver recommendations as a roadmap to accomplish those commitments. The Board has received and accepted their final report and those recommendations are now being reviewed by your Board, staff, and independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC).

Over the last eight months the Board has expanded the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to best represent you, the taxpayers. Special thanks to all those community members who volunteered to serve on the Bond Advisory Commission and to the volunteers who serve on our CBOC. Our taxpayers can be assured that every effort is being made to protect their interests, as a future investment, for all students of the Grossmont Union High School District.

The Board has recently hired a Program Management firm, as recommended by the Bond Advisory Commission, to be the day-to-day oversight of the implementation of Proposition H and to augment the great work being accomplished by our Deputy Superintendent, Business Services; Executive Director, Facilities Management, and their staffs. We have moved past the completion of the much needed (out of sight) infrastructure repairs, to the above ground enhancements and modernization of classroom facilities; and welcome the expertise and highly respected firm of Gafcon/Harris, as our Program Management team.

Please note, the "Third Party Independent Review" of Proposition H, as directed by the Board last April, as means to stronger accountability and oversight, has just been released and can be found on the District web page at <http://www.guhsd.net> under NEWS. The report is made available for public review prior to the formal presentation to the Governing Board, at the September 6, 2007, regular Board meeting.

Last February, the Board held its strategic planning workshop with many of our stakeholders giving input as to the District's mission statement, strategic plan, and goals and objectives. We look forward to another such workshop in the fall of this year to revisit our strategic plan, in order to properly assess our direction, for the success of our students and the District.

We appreciate all of our stakeholders, teachers, staff, students and their families, businesses, and community groups that support the District and their neighborhood schools.

Thank you!

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