



SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE: ALBA Community Day School Comes to North Park

Dear North Park Community Members:

For several months, the San Diego Unified School District has been working with parents of North Park Elementary School students to reassign students to other neighborhood schools for the September 2009 academic year. The District will be renovating the North Park Elementary School facilities to prepare the site to become the new home for the ALBA Community Day School. ALBA, which stands for "Alternative Learning for Behavior and Attitude," is a small alternative school that offers a unique instructional program for students in grades 6 through 12 who have violated the District's zero tolerance policy. Once students successfully complete a semester in the ALBA program, they have the opportunity to be re-instated back to a traditional, comprehensive school in the District.

As the new principal of ALBA Community Day School, my purpose for writing to you, the residents of North Park, is twofold:

- To share with you important information about our school.
- To encourage your involvement in our school and the planning of possible improvements in the adjacent North Park Community Park.

San Diego Unified School District and ALBA are committed to building a strong partnership with our neighbors and the entire North Park community. The first step in building this partnership is to communicate with our neighbors to offer you information about our school and to invite your participation as we plan new school improvements that will benefit our students and the neighborhood. The District is working closely with the North Park Community Association (NPCA) and the Office of Councilman Todd Gloria to ensure that your voice, thoughts, concerns are a part of the decision process as school site improvements are planned and implemented.

On Saturday, July 25th, School District staff will team with NPCA volunteers to visit with our neighbors directly and we plan to hold neighborhood meetings to offer you the opportunity to have input into planned school improvements to be funded by our Proposition S bond funds. The District also has a shared-use agreement with the City of San Diego for the North Park Community Park and we will be exploring ways to work with the City and the community to have a positive, lasting impact on the park and its facilities. We will also encourage you to volunteer at ALBA as mentors, guest speakers, or in other ways throughout our school year.

In case we miss you during our neighborhood walks, we have enclosed a reply card that you can mail to us to sign up for updates about upcoming meetings and for opportunities to become more involved in our planning process. You can also find updated information by calling the NPCA at (619) 923-2979 or via email at info@northparksd.org. On the back of this letter, we have provided some more information about ALBA Community Day School and some resources you can access to learn more.

I thank you for interest and your support. We look forward to moving the ALBA Community Day School to North Park and toward building positive relationships between our school and all of our neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact me at 619-287-8395 or rmoores@sandi.net.

Sincerely,

R. Vernon Moore, Principal
ALBA Community Day School



ALBA Community Day School at North Park – Community Information

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ALBA has a small student population and a low student teacher ratio needed to provide individualized instruction and counseling to each student. Students come from schools all over the District, including schools in the North Park and the Mid-City communities. Historically, ALBA provides instruction to about 200 students over the course of a school year with about 75 to 150 students typically enrolled at any given point during a semester. The ALBA high school will open at the North Park site in September 2009 and the middle school will open in September 2010.

ALBA students are typical teenagers who have made a mistake and are working hard to get back on the right path. The ALBA program helps these students find their voices and realize success. Our motto is: *Empowering Students: Changing Lives.*

- **ALBA has a great track record in helping students** achieve dramatic improvement in their grades and behavior.
 - At the end of the first semester of this school year, 82% of our high school students and 81% of our middle school students successfully completed our program and they are now attending comprehensive schools in our District.
- **ALBA students must meet the same rigorous academic standards** that all students in the District must meet. Our teachers and staff participate in professional development sessions specifically designed to best support the unique populations of students we serve.
- **Students receive excellent counseling services from specially-trained providers** and as a result, students develop skills and strategies that will help them to be successful in life.
- Just like every school in our district, **safety and security are a very high priority.**
 - During the school day, our campus is closed and students are well supervised.
 - Our students are supervised as they exit the campus and walk to their designated bus stops.
 - About half of our students are dropped off and picked up by their parents and others ride the city buses.

For more information about the **San Diego Unified School District** and the **Proposition S** bond program visit:

www.sandi.net

www.sandi.net/props/

or email: communications@sandi.net

For information about the **North Park Community Association** visit:

www.northparksd.org

REPLY CARD
SIDE 1:

PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED / I WANT TO GET INVOLVED

YES, I would like to stay informed about The San Diego Unified School District plans for the ALBA Community Day School and plans for any possible improvements for the North Park Community Park with the City of San Diego.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

I WANT TO GET INVOLVED
(Check here if you would like to be contacted about participating in a committee or group related to the school)

SIDE 2: Return Address

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