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Friday Memo

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Happy Friday, I hope you've all had a great week!

I want to start by thanking everyone for your patience as it's been a few weeks since our last memo. I returned this week from a 10-day trip to Nepal where I had the pleasure to aid in earthquake relief efforts – providing my expertise and guidance for the rebuilding efforts of a school that did not survive the quake. It was a very fulfilling and meaningful trip for me personally, and I hope to embark on similar opportunities in the future.

Before my trip, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Facilities & Transportation Frank Camarda, Communication Specialist Keith Reid and I delivered what we affectionately call the “road show” to the Country Club Alliance of Neighborhoods. This was a great chance to provide an update on all of our projects and receive feedback from a prominent community that has supported our bonds. The comments after our presentation were very positive and a good indicator that our community appreciates the many great school improvements we are making.

At 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 2 we will host a groundbreaking ceremony for the future Del Paso Manor Elementary School campus. You are all invited to join us and get your photo with a shovel in the ground.

On Tuesday night, the Board of Education approved heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) projects at all high school gymnasiums. Having air conditioning in our gyms has been high on the list of requested upgrades to schools, and we are thrilled to move forward with this project.

Finally, I wanted to note that Frank and I continue to study our district demographics and are focusing in on what projects in our award-winning Facilities Master Plan should be prioritized based on our student population and immediate needs. There are many things to consider, but we are getting closer on which direction to go as we continue to bring all schools up to “next generation” standards.

Have a great weekend,

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