September 6, 2011

Dear Staff, Students, Families and Friends of the Monte Gardens Elementary School Community:

On behalf of the entire 2010 Measure C team I wanted to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the extraordinary support, patience and understanding that everyone has extended to us as we work toward completion of the historic solar project under construction at your site. Your continuing cooperation and willingness to accommodate this project has served as an encouragement to each and every one of us on the Measure C team.

While most of the actual construction work has been completed at your site, including the installation of the photovoltaic panels themselves, there are still activities and tasks which must be completed before your system is finally commissioned and power is connected to the PG & E grid. Some of these tasks may be moderately disruptive and could involve requiring the contractors to work under the parking/shade solar arrays to complete incomplete tasks or to perform “punch work” (final detail work). Any and all such work will be coordinated and scheduled sufficiently in advance with the site administrator so as to minimize impact and to provide staff, parents/caregivers and other district employees and service providers adequate notice. Another critical task that must be completed is the actual interconnection of the new solar system into our existing electrical service center. This interconnection work will require the temporary shutdown of electrical power to the site itself. This work could take anywhere from four (4) to eight (8) hours to complete. If this interconnection shutdown has not been completed by the time you receive this letter please be assured that we will work diligently to do everything possible to mitigate the impact to staff, parents, students and community. We understand and appreciate that such an activity results in a significant impact to everyone. We will work closely with the site to schedule these shutdowns sufficiently in advance to where they result in minimal disruption to classroom activities, staff operations, after-school and community use of the school. Regularly scheduled shortened school days, holidays and, where necessary, weekends, present possible scheduling opportunities.

Please know that we are especially mindful of the impact that the installation of this project has, and continues to have on the day to day operations of the site and the educational programs provided at your school. Moreover, we understand and appreciate the short-term inconveniences that you as administrators, teachers, students, support staff, parents, caregivers and neighbors are being asked to tolerate during construction. We do not take your cooperation and support for granted and remain genuinely appreciative for everything you have done and continue to do to make this project a success. The significance of your roles as supportive partners in this project cannot be overstated and will not be soon forgotten.

Gratefully,

Pete Pedersen
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Cc: Steven Lawrence Council Members Measure C Team