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School Facilities Board Completes New Construction Cycle 35 New Schools Awarded Statewide

(PHOENIX, AZ – May 4, 2006) The Arizona School Facilities Board (SFB) completed their FY06 Capital Plan Cycle today with 35 new schools approved at a cost of \$438,743,960.

This cycle's approvals include 26 new elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 8 high schools that are expected to open over the next three years. Additional space was also awarded to 5 districts. When complete, these projects will serve over 33,000 students around the state.

The District receiving the most awards this year was Dysart Unified located in the west valley. Dysart received three elementary schools and one high school. Districts in the Pinal County area also received a number of new schools. Maricopa Unified received two elementary schools and additional high school space; JO Combs Elementary, Coolidge Unified, and Florence Unified Districts all received two schools each; and Casa Grande Elementary and Casa Grande Union High School Districts both received one school.

The Capital Plan Cycle begins in early September when districts submit their requests for new construction. For the next several months, SFB staff analyzes the requests taking into account factors such as current district capacity and projected growth. These approvals will allow the districts to design their schools within the allocated budgets. Upon completion of design, the project will go before the Board again for approval to begin actual construction.

This year's round of new construction approvals is the second highest in awards since the FY00 cycle, which was at the beginning of the Students FIRST program. In that cycle, 66 projects were awarded at a cost of \$594 million.

A list of projects approved in this cycle is attached.

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SFB Approved New Construction Projects

Approval Date	District	Project	Grades	# Students	Square Footage	Open FY	NC Funding
12/1/05	Buckeye Elementary	School	K-8	800	73,920	2009	\$8,752,128
12/1/05	J.O. Combs Elementary	School	K-5	750	67,500	2007	\$7,888,725
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1/5/06	Casa Grande Elementary	School	K-5	750	67,500	2008	\$7,888,725
1/5/06	Chandler Unified	School	K-6	988	88,920	2007	\$10,392,080
1/5/06	Chandler Unified	School	K-6	942	84,780	2008	\$9,908,239
1/5/06	Dysart Unified	School	K-8	1,100	101,640	2007	\$12,034,176
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1/5/06	Dysart Unified	School	9-12	1,800	225,000	2009	\$32,141,250
1/5/06	Fowler Elementary	Addl. space	K-5	110	9,900	2008	\$1,157,013
1/5/06	Humboldt Unified	School	6-8	722	69,796	2009	\$8,459,275
1/5/06	Sahuarita Unified	School	9-12	721	96,614	2009	\$13,801,310
1/5/06	Vail Unified	School	K-5	600	54,000	2007	\$6,310,980
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2/2/06	Casa Grande Union	School	9-12	1,500	187,500	2009	\$26,784,375
2/2/06	Florence Unified	School	K-8	1,100	101,640	2009	\$12,034,176
2/2/06	Florence Unified	School	9-12	1,500	201,000	2008	\$28,712,850
2/2/06	Littleton Elementary	School	K-8	972	89,813	2009	\$10,633,859
2/2/06	Marana Unified	School	K-6	650	58,500	2007	\$6,836,895
2/2/06	Marana Unified	School	K-6	650	58,500	2008	\$6,836,895
2/2/06	Maricopa Unified	School	K-6	850	76,500	2007	\$8,940,555
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2/2/06	Maricopa Unified	Addl. space	10-12	200	26,800	2008	\$3,828,380
2/2/06	Palo Verde Elementary	School	K-8	800	73,920	2009	\$8,752,128
2/2/06	Saddle Mountain Unified	School	K-8	750	69,300	2008	\$8,205,120
2/2/06	Saddle Mountain Unified	School	K-8	900	83,160	2009	\$9,846,144
2/2/06	Saddle Mountain Unified	School	9-12	1,000	134,000	2009	\$19,141,900
2/2/06	Union Elementary	School	K-8	800	73,920	2008	\$8,752,128
2/2/06	Yuma Elementary	Addl. space	6-8	250	24,168	2007	\$2,929,162
3/9/06	Cave Creek Unified	School	9-12	640	85,760	2009	\$12,250,816
3/9/06	Isaac Elementary	Buildout	6-8	250	16,917	2008	\$2,050,340
4/6/06	Coolidge Unified	School	K-8	800	73,920	2008	\$8,752,128
4/6/06	Coolidge Unified	School	9-12	1,200	160,800	2009	\$22,970,280
4/6/06	Higley Unified	School	K-8	1,025	94,710	2009	\$11,213,664
4/6/06	Laveen Elementary	School	K-8	1,000	92,400	2009	\$10,940,160
4/6/06	Nadaburg Elementary	Revision	K-8	150	13,860	2008	\$1,641,024
4/6/06	Nadaburg Elementary	School	K-8	600	55,440	2009	\$6,564,096
4/6/06	Tolleson Union	School	9-12	1,800	225,000	2008	\$32,141,250
5/4/06	Blue Ridge Unified	School	K-6	185	16,650	2008	\$2,043,122
Grand Total:				33,255	3,435,028		\$438,743,960