

Moreland School District Announces Agreement with Discovery Charter School

Moreland School District is pleased to announce an agreement with Discovery Charter School was voted on by the Board of Trustees at the June 30th Special Board Meeting.

Over the past four years, through multiple board presentations in dialogue, letters, community meetings, and town hall meetings, the Moreland School District has listened to a variety of concerns from our community. At the Moreland Board of Trustees meeting on August 25, 2009, Mack Johansen, a representative of the Teale Avenue Neighborhood, presented a petition that included the concerns of residents in our community.

In an effort to address these concerns, Moreland School District made sure the nine year agreement addressed the Board of Trustees' Priorities:

- Eliminate the negative financial impact on Moreland School District
- Reduce traffic and neighborhood concerns
- Comply with Prop 39 requirements
- Preserve Moreland School District's income for the general fund

Some highlights of the agreement include Discovery Charter School to:

- continue use of existing facilities, plus 1 additional classroom and proportional use of the field and multiuse room at Anderson, gym at Community Center.
- pay one-time and annual payments to MSD to achieve cost neutrality.
- cap on 2010/2011 student enrollment.
- not recruit in-District Moreland students for the duration of the agreement.
- not seek any more facilities from the District unless there is mutual consent.
- assume partial cost of restoring the fields at Anderson Village Elementary School.
- include a plan to reduce traffic, parking, and litter in the neighborhoods surrounding the campus. Details for this plan include a mandatory shuttle service of at least 10% of enrolled students, and staggered beginning and end times with Anderson, among others.

We thank you, our dedicated neighbors, for your continued involvement and support. We are entering a new phase of our relationship with Discovery Charter School, one that the District feels very good about. Our highest priority is taking care of the students in our district and next making sure our neighborhoods are a cooperative part of our growth and sustainability. I believe this new agreement allows us to take a step in the right direction. As we move forward, we will continue to provide information about any further changes.