

## UCSD Preuss School opens for classes Sept. 7

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### MEDIA ADVISORY

**EVENT:** Opening day of classes at The Preuss School at the University of California, San Diego, the only public charter school in California to be established on a college campus.

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, September 7.

Buses arrive 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Students have breakfast, 8:45-9 a.m.

Students get schedules, go to classrooms, 9 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Buses will arrive on Hopkins Dr., by RIMAC, then be directed, two at a time, to unload students adjacent to the temporary Preuss School classrooms on the Thurgood Marshall campus. (See attached map)

**BACKGROUND:** 150 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from throughout the San Diego city school district (but generally south of I-8) will gather for their first day of class in an environment unlike any in the area.

The mission of the Preuss School is to prepare its students to win admission to, and succeed at, top level universities. All students in this charter class meet the criteria for Preuss School admission: they come from low income families, with no parent who holds a university degree, and they show the potential to succeed academically.

The temporary classrooms the students will enter today include the latest technological equipment; class size will be 20 to 27. Meanwhile, the \$13.1 million Preuss School complex of buildings is under construction on UCSD's east campus, with completion expected next fall. At steady state, in the year 2003, the school will accommodate 700 sixth through 12th graders.

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:** Students debarking from buses; teachers greeting youngsters, etc.

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