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NOVEMBER 4TH CELEBRATION MARKS MILESTONE IN CONSTRUCTION OF THE HERB ALPERT EDUCATIONAL VILLAGE

On November 4th, 2011, from 10 - 11 AM, New Roads School, the New Visions Foundation, benefactor Herb Alpert, supporters, and community leaders will gather to celebrate construction of the Performing Arts and Leadership Center that forms the centerpiece of the innovative
Herb Alpert Educational Village

Scheduled for completion in November, 2012, The Performing Arts and Leadership Center will house a 350-seat state-of-the art theater, classrooms, and office and meeting space for non-profit organizations committed to educational advancement in a collaborative, sustainable community environment

Santa Monica, California - On November 4th, at 10 AM, members of the New Roads School community, together with the New Visions Foundation, benefactor Herb Alpert, supporters, and education and community leaders, will mark a significant milestone in the creation of The Herb Alpert Educational Village, as they celebrate completion of steel framing for the centerpiece Performing Arts and Leadership Center. Located at 3131 Olympic Boulevard (the current site of New Roads High School and Middle School, Santa Monica campus) and named for its founding benefactor, The Herb Alpert Educational Village represents a vision for education in the 21st century - a model of collaboration and shared resources dedicated to incubating and implementing educational reform for an evolving world.

The Herb Alpert Educational Village, anchored by New Roads School and the New Visions Foundation will bring together in one location, diverse elements of the education community - researchers, civic organizations, students and faculty - to foster creative collaborations that confront the challenges of improving student success in the Los Angeles community and beyond. As a translational education center, The Herb Alpert Educational Village will enable educational partners to share in basic research about student learning, and to test and implement best practices for faculty development and enhanced student performance.

The Performing Arts and Leadership Center, Phase 1 of construction, is central to the vision of The Herb Alpert Educational Village. In addition to its 350-seat theater (acoustics engineered by Yasuhisa Toyota, acoustician for Disney Hall) the "green" facility provides classroom space for New Roads School plus office and meeting space for the New Visions Foundation and other non-profit organizations dedicated to working creatively and collaboratively towards common goals in educational advancement. Designed by John Berry Architects, and under the executive supervision of House & Robertson Architects, the integrated campus supports the City of Santa Monica's vision for new land use and circulation and will comprise multiple green buildings using locally produced materials and relying exclusively on natural light and air flow.

The Herb Alpert Educational Village is a manifestation of its benefactor's dedication to philanthropy, to young people, and, as Herb Alpert says, to "supporting programs that are

creatively conceived and run. Lani [wife Lani Hall Alpert] and I seek to support areas that bring young people the tools and wisdom to develop their potential and lead positive fulfilling lives without prejudice."

David Bryan, President and Head of School at New Roads School says, "Through the years our school has remained true to our founding mission of providing quality college preparatory education to a diverse student body, and cultivating learners who are engaged and committed to the health of their communities and their world. The realization of The Herb Alpert Educational Village will enhance our ability to pursue our mission in new ways, benefiting from the expertise of other participants and applying these lessons directly to the classroom."

Paul Cummins, Executive Director and founder of the New Visions Foundation says, "The Herb Alpert Educational Village will create a new form of collaborative learning. These resources will afford us the great privilege, as educators, to share our findings and experiences for the benefit of all of our children."

About New Roads School and New Visions Foundation

New Roads School is a 501(c)(3) corporation and is a fully-accredited PreK-12 independent school serving over 600 students on campuses in Santa Monica, Malibu, and Los Angeles, California. Founded in 1995 as the result of a vision-driven collaboration between David Bryan, Head of School, and Paul Cummins, founder and Executive Director of the New Visions Foundation, New Roads is committed to providing quality college preparatory education to students representing the broad economic and cultural diversity of Greater Los Angeles. To back up that commitment, in each of its 17 years, New Roads has provided over 50% of its students with need-based financial aid.

The New Visions Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation based in Santa Monica, California, was founded by education pioneer Paul Cummins in 1995 to drive innovation and improvement in education. Since its founding, New Visions has been a creative force designing schools and targeted programs to enhance the education of underserved children in Los Angeles County.

About Herb Alpert

Herb Alpert was born in Los Angeles and grew up in a house filled with music. He began his philanthropy in 1982, and with his wife, singer Lani Hall, oversees the Herb Alpert Foundations's commitment to funding the arts and education programs, as well as programs that promote compassion and well-being. The foundation's significant commitments include the 2007 formation of the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music, devoted to the performance and study of music in all of its global diversity, as well as the Herb Alpert School of Music at CalArts, the Herb Alpert Scholarships for Emerging Young Artists, and the PS Arts Lawndale Elementary School District Initiative, which has brought arts education to more than four thousand children annually for the past seven years. Herb Alpert has supported the visionary work of Paul Cummins for the past twenty years, including the founding of New Roads School, PS Arts, and the planning and development of the Herb Alpert Educational Village.

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