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Mr. Gary Wilson to Become Founding Principal of Ocean Air School

On February 26, 2007, DMUSD Superintendent Thomas Bishop announced that Torrey Hills Principal Gary Wilson had been selected as the “founding” principal for Ocean Air School, which is currently under construction and scheduled to begin operations next August. Ocean Air School will become the eighth K-6 school in the Del Mar Union School District, and the third school located in the Torrey Hills area.

“Gary Wilson has been a dynamic leader and a very successful principal in the Del Mar Union School District during the past 16 years” commented Superintendent Bishop. Bishop further commented, “Under Mr. Wilson’s leadership, Del Mar Hills School earned a California Distinguished School Award, and a National Blue Ribbon Award. Mr. Wilson volunteered to become the founding Principal at Torrey Hills School five years ago, and his leadership has propelled Torrey Hills School to become a California Distinguished School in five short years while generating some of the highest API scores in California”.

Bishop stated “ When Mr. Wilson indicated his interest in voluntarily transferring from Torrey Hills to Ocean Air, I was excited for the approximately 300 Torrey Hills students that will be moving to Ocean

Air School for the 2007/2008 school year. Mr. Wilson did an excellent job in opening Torrey Hills School in 2002, and his leadership and experience will help Ocean Air School to become very successful in a short period of time.”

Mr. Wilson is a native San Diegan who earned his BA and MA degrees at San Diego State University. Prior to his administrative assignments, Mr. Wilson was a classroom teacher, Music teacher, and Assistant Principal in the Encinitas School District. Before joining the DMUSD in 1991, Mr. Wilson was an elementary and middle school principal in the Valley Center School District.

The DMUSD expects to announce the name of Mr. Wilson’s successor at Torrey Hills School by the end of March. The DMUSD has conducted a national search to find well-qualified principal candidates, and the search process is expected to result in the hiring of an excellent replacement for Mr. Wilson who will remain at Torrey Hills on a full time basis for the next several months.