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Elementary School Approved for Connerton

School Scheduled to Open for the 2009 School Year

TAMPA, Fla. (September 5, 2007) – The first of three Pasco County schools planned for Connerton, an elementary school has been approved to open for the 2009-2010 school year.

Construction on the school is scheduled to start in summer 2008 for an August 2009 opening. Approximately 500 elementary students are expected to attend the yet-to-be-named elementary school in Connerton, alleviating the overcapacity Sanders Elementary. Depending on the school board's decision anticipated for early 2009, the new school will likely educate students from Connerton, along the U.S. Highway 41 corridor, and in other parts of north Land O'Lakes.

“We are very proud to be moving forward with our first school here in Connerton,” said Stewart Gibbons, president of Connerton. “We value the role that quality education will play in maintaining Connerton’s genuine, community feel and family-friendly atmosphere, and are honored to be working with the Pasco County School District on making this a reality.”

Connerton, the nearly 5,000-acre New Town currently under development in Pasco County, is also slated to eventually house a middle school and another elementary school.

“The Connerton team has been great to work with,” said Ray Gadd, assistant superintendent of Pasco County schools. “They truly understand the value of education to their community and to the broader community.”

About Connerton

Connerton is a 4,800-acre mixed-use master planned community in Central Pasco County, and the only “New Town” currently under construction in the greater Tampa Bay area. In total, approximately 8,500 residential units are planned with more than 3 million

square feet of commercial space for office, retail and industrial uses. The Arbors, the first village in Connerton, is nearly sold out. Village Two, the Gardens, is now selling.

The community currently features amenities including a Town Center with a Publix Super Market, banks and other convenient shops and services; and walking trails, boardwalks and conservation areas. A fitness and aquatics complex, an amphitheatre and parks are under development; and a hospital, medical offices, a regional park and three schools are also planned.

For more information on Connerton, call (813) 995-2460 or visit www.connerton.com.

****Editor's note: a map of Connerton showing the school's future location is available in PDF format upon request.***

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