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Laguna Beach Unified School District Beefs Up Telecom Infrastructure with High-Capacity Network Through Cox Business Services

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif., June 14, 2006 – The Laguna Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) and Cox Communications announced today that LBUSD is the first Cox Business Services customer in Orange County to use a unique, high-capacity, cost-efficient cable platform for its district-wide telecommunications infrastructure.

The new connection provides a reliable and robust connection between LBUSD’s elementary, middle and high schools and the district office, and will provide the district’s 2,969 students with faster and more secure Internet capabilities for streaming video, teacher and student web pages, on-line classes and more.

The new infrastructure was recommended by Victor Guthrie, LBUSD Director of Technology. The contract, which offered the most services at the lowest cost, was awarded to Cox Communications by the LBUSD Board of Education.

“This expanded enterprise data network and Internet service from Cox Business Services will open new doors to our students and take their educational opportunities to new heights,” said Guthrie. “Thanks to Cox’s comprehensive response, students at El Morro, Top of the World, and Thurston will have 28 times their previous speed and capacity while our Laguna Beach High School students will have 142 times their previous speed and capacity. This change will dramatically increase the time our students spend on academics by decreasing time spent waiting to access information on the computer.”

The new platform from Cox Business Services system replaces the district’s digital subscriber line (DSL) connection. The new platform is called a Transparent LAN (Local Area Network) Connection over HFC (Hybrid Fiber Coax).

“Cox Business Services helps businesses of all sizes create greater efficiencies,” said Dave Montierth, Vice President of Cox Business Services Orange County. “The network that now connects LBUSD’s schools and other facilities is powerful yet cost effective and should allow them to do some exciting new things for their students. We’re pleased at the chance to help them with it.”

Cox Business Services is a division of Atlanta-based Cox Communications, Inc., the nation’s third largest cable broadband communications company.