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Ground Breaking Ceremonies scheduled for Skyview Campus York International bond projects

(Thornton/Denver) – Mapleton Public Schools will break ground on the future of education in the Mapleton community on Tuesday, May 10, 2011.

York International will welcome the shovels and tractors first, with a ceremony at 9:30 a.m. at the K-12 school, 9200 York St., Thornton. The Skyview Campus ground breaking ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m., at 8990 York St., Thornton. Community members, friends, and families of Mapleton Public Schools are welcome to share in both celebrations.

“This is such an important event for our community, neighbors, businesses, and of course the students and staff of Mapleton Public Schools,” said Superintendent Charlotte Ciancio. “We aren’t just breaking ground on new buildings; we are constructing functional and adaptable spaces for our children and our community in which to grow, learn and succeed.”

Support for bond measure 3A in November 2010 secured the matching funds Mapleton needed to receive \$32 million in grant funding from Colorado’s Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) program. The grant funds will address its critical facility needs at Skyview Campus and allow Mapleton to build two new buildings and an addition to house five schools. Construction on the buildings for Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts (7-12), Mapleton Early College (9-13), Skyview Academy (9-12) and Clayton Partnership School (K-8) will begin in June 2011. The school buildings will open for students in the fall of 2012. Renovations to the student center and the North Valley School for Young Adults addition will begin in June 2012 and end in January 2013. Per BEST grant award parameters, these projects will be LEED Gold certified.

Bond funds will also provide York International, a K-12, school, with renovations and an addition. Construction at York begins in June 2011 and is scheduled for completion in November 2011.

For the most current renderings, construction timelines and photo time lapse visit www.mapleton.us and click on the **Bond Info** button at the top of the page.

About Mapleton Public Schools

Mapleton Public Schools covers 25 square miles in North Denver/Adams County. We serve nearly 8,000 students in suburban, rural, and light industrial communities. We are committed to raising expectations by providing choices for learning and removing obstacles for all students so that we can guarantee that each student "achieves his or her dreams and enthusiastically contributes to his or her community and world." Visit www.mapleton.us to learn more about Mapleton Public Schools.