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### **South Bay Union Launches Emory Academy of Global Leadership and Empowerment** *School Announces New Mission*

Imperial Beach, CA – On Tuesday, November 27, the Emory Academy of Global Leadership and Empowerment hosted a ribbon cutting event to celebrate their new mission and campus name. The school, located at 1915 Coronado Avenue in San Diego, will focus on empowering students to be civic and service minded individuals by developing their leadership skills and inspiring them to serve others.

The event began with remarks by Principal Jennifer Grondek, Student Council President Lexi Carter, and Superintendent Katie McNamara. Special guests included Board Trustees Barbara Elliott-Sanders, Melanie Ellsworth, and Cheryl Quinones, and Lucero Chavez, Field Representative from Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher's office. Following the program, which included the unveiling of the school's new logo and a student performance of the Emory Unity Stomp, guests enjoyed refreshments and read student's wishes for the world.

Principal Jennifer Grondek spoke about starting this new adventure. "The entire Emory team is excited to begin this journey to prepare our students for not only today, but for the future. Our goal is to grow great leaders, who dream more, learn more, achieve more, and become more. Thank you to our staff, students, parents, and community members for their support in this new endeavor."

Superintendent Katie McNamara was thrilled to officially launch the new program. "I am incredibly proud of the Emory team for their commitment to offering our students interactive, engaging, and relevant learning opportunities. South Bay is focused on developing educational programs that respond to the unique needs and wishes of our community. I am excited about the future of not only the Emory Academy, but all of our schools."

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#### **About South Bay Union School District**

The award winning South Bay Union School District proudly serves over 7,500 students in Imperial Beach, San Ysidro, and south San Diego. The District is comprised of twelve campuses, including nine K-6 schools, two K-8 charter schools, and one Preschool. South Bay offers several specialized programs including Dual Language, Instrumental Music, Leader in Me, No Excuses University, Visual and Performing Arts, and a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Academy. For more information, visit [www.sbusd.org](http://www.sbusd.org) and follow @SBUSD\_SUPT for the latest news.

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