

THE WINSTON SCHOOL

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On July 20, 2006, The Winston School announced it received a one million dollar pledge from Louise and Mick Ukleja of Long Beach, California to help ensure the acquisition of a quality site for Winston's campus.

The Ukleja's are parents of a Winston class of 1999 alumna, and Louise is a long-time Winston School Trustee. Their other philanthropic efforts include a \$2.5 million gift to found the Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership at CSU Long Beach. Louise is also the founder of the Opportunity Schools, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to unlocking the potential of students with learning challenges within the private school community.

According to Winston Headmaster Mike Peterson, "We thank Louise and Mick for their outstanding generosity which will help ensure Winston's vital mission: serving children with learning differences from our beloved location in Del Mar. When the City and School District arrive at an agreement, these funds will be contributed to the community effort to purchase the Shores property and preserve this one-of-a-kind educational and recreational resource for future generations."

Winston has been working in concert with the City of Del Mar and a citizen's committee of the Del Mar Foundation called Friends of Del Mar Parks to purchase the Shores Site where Winston has been located since it opened in 1988. Winston has agreed to supply up to 50% of the purchase price of the Shores in exchange for a 55-year lease of the site.

For more information see the school's website, www.thewinstonschool.com or the Friends of Del Mar Parks' website at www.delmarparks.org, or contact Winston Headmaster Mike Peterson at 858-259-8155.

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