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**DOWNTOWN COLLEGE PREP TO CLOSE ALVISO SCHOOL  
WILL OPEN IN ALUM ROCK**

San Jose, CA --May 19, 2011 -- In a move attributed to enrollment, Downtown College Prep (DCP) will close its Alviso middle school as it prepares for a fall opening of a middle school in Alum Rock. The Alviso location opened in Fall of 2008 and its charter was unanimously renewed earlier this year by the Santa Clara Unified School District which has opted to keep the charter in place.

“We recognize that there’s an opportunity for a school like Downtown College Prep within the Santa Clara Unified District, but we don’t think that opportunity exists in Alviso any longer,” said Jennifer Andaluz, the school’s co-founder and executive director.

Of the 105 students enrolled in Alviso, current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will attend DCP’s campus on The Alameda. Current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will have the option to attend the new Alum Rock campus next fall. Students who do not attend Downtown College Prep will be offered after-school enrichment and tutoring to keep them on the college preparatory continuum until they can opt to attend the school’s downtown high school. Alviso students not attending Downtown College Prep will enroll at Don Callejon, the local K-8 public school.

Faculty and the principal at the Alviso location will assume new roles within the DCP organization.

“We are committed to our families and our mission to prepare students for college success,” said Andaluz. “Every year for six years, we’ve had waiting lists of 60 to 80 students – mostly from East San Jose. Opening Alum Rock is in response to this demand.”

The Alum Rock campus will open near Story and King in what was once Miller Elementary School. The first classes will consist of 180 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, considered full enrollment, on what will grow to a 6-12 campus.

Downtown College Prep prepares underachieving students—who will be the first in their families to go to college—to thrive at four-year universities. DCP has a singular goal for every student: DCP graduates will enroll in and graduate from a four-year college. DCP ranks #2 in College-Going Rate to California Public Colleges among public high schools in Santa Clara County (2009). DCP graduates are 5x more likely to graduate from college in six years than their peers across California and the United States. DCP has graduated nearly 400 students since 2004. DCP maintains contact with 83% of its alumni; 74% have graduated from a four-year university or are on track to earn a college degree. 92% of DCP graduates complete the California A-G requirements for admission to the UC or CSU systems.

The DCP Class of 2011 will attend UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, Mills College, Mt. Holyoke, San Jose State, and CSU Stanislaus among other universities.

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