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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAMED

BERKELEY, CA -- August 16, 2007 -- Berkeley Public Education Foundation announced today the appointment of Molly Fraker as its new Executive Director. She will join the organization effective September 4, 2007.

“We are delighted to welcome Molly to BPEF, and feel fortunate to have someone with her knowledge, skills, and experience,” noted Calvin Eng, Chair of the Foundation’s board. “She brings a deep understanding of the importance of philanthropy in our community, and a commitment to bringing resources and innovation to Berkeley schools. We look forward to her leadership as we continue our efforts to sustain and broaden BPEF’s positive impact in classrooms across the school district.”

Ms. Fraker brings over thirty years experience in the non-profit sector, more than eleven of which have been in Berkeley. She was the first Executive Director of Chez Panisse Foundation, which she led for seven years. More recently, she managed the Centennial Campaign for Cal Performances, and during the past year was Executive Director at Berkeley Community Fund. Before moving to Berkeley with her family Molly held positions with organizations in Washington, D.C., New Jersey, and Minnesota, and is a graduate of American University.

Berkeley Public Education Foundation is approaching its 25th year of building community support and commitment for the city’s K12 public schools. The Foundation pursues its mission by raising funds for classroom grants; encouraging volunteerism through its Berkeley School Volunteers program; and lending leadership and support to facilitate collaborations and bring resources to address special needs and programs within the schools. Each year, through generous donor contributions and the value of volunteer services, over \$1.5 million is directed to our goal of ensuring quality education for every student in our diverse community.

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