

## **Press Release**

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## **Lynwood Grads Inspire Young Students** with Senior Walk

Lynwood - Nearly 750 Lynwood and Firebaugh seniors bounced through the hallways of the district's elementary and middle schools, exchanging high fives and smiles with young student observers during their annual Senior Walk on June 12 and 13.

The soon-to-be graduates, clad in caps and gowns, toured the District's 12 elementary schools and three middle schools, teaching younger students about what they can achieve.

"It was very emotional for me, and I cried watching the strong reaction to our visit from the young kids," Lynwood senior Lupita Soria said. "I can remember how much I looked up to high school students when I was in elementary and I'm glad that I get to pass along motivation to them."

Younger students lined up outside of classrooms to greet the seniors with posters exclaiming "Congratulations!" and "You did it!" Some seniors were accompanied by a band that serenaded the crowd.

"This is an event that really connects the success of our community from transitional kindergarten through senior year," Lynwood Unified Superintendent Gudiel R. Crosthwaite said. "It reminds our seniors that we're all behind them, cheering them on every step of the way, and gives our youngsters a glimpse of their potential."

Roosevelt Elementary third-grader Melanie Gomez smiled widely as she watched her sister, Lynwood High senior Edith Gomez, bask in the glow of her Senior Walk. Melanie said that Edith's success is proof that she can achieve her own dreams.

"I know that I will graduate like her one day, and I can't wait," Melanie said.

This is the third year Lynwood Unified has held the Senior Walk.

"Our Senior Walk brings our students together for a final time and really shows everyone in our entire District and the community how much our students have accomplished," Lynwood Unified Board Alfonso Morales said. "Congratulations, Class of 2018!

## PHOTO CAPTION:

061518\_LUSD\_SENIORWALK: Lynwood High School seniors greet Roosevelt Elementary School students during the District's annual Senior Walk. The soon-to-be graduates toured the District's 12 elementary schools and three middle schools, teaching younger students about what they can achieve.

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