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West Covina Unified Breaks Ground on Science/Career Technical Education Building

WEST COVINA, CA – West Covina Unified broke ground on a science and career technical education (CTE) building at West Covina High School on June 25, commemorating the District's latest effort to create innovative, effective learning environments.

The 28,000 square-foot science and CTE building will house new chemistry and biology labs, a state-of-the-art video production lab and broadcast studio, engineering computer labs and robotics spaces that feature a competition arena and manufacturing lab.

"West Covina Unified is committed to providing students with facilities and resources that inspire excellence, and thanks to the support of our community, we have the means to do so," WCUSD Superintendent Charles D. Hinman said. "We are excited to break ground on this new facility and move one step closer to offering West Covina High School students a place where they can explore the sciences and develop crucial career-focused skills."

The \$15.7 million project, funded by the voter-approved <u>Measure ES</u>, begins construction in late July and is expected to be completed in time for the 2020-21 school year. The building will be the District's first two-story structure.

It is one of the District's many new major construction projects in its facilities program, in addition to modernization projects at campuses across the District.

West Covina High is the District's Advanced Placement flagship school, offering 27 college-prep courses as well as 27 career technical education courses, including forensic science, architectural design and business robotics.

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WCUSD_CTE_GROUNDBREAKING: West Covina Unified administrators and Board of Education members break ground on West Covina High School's new science and CTE building on June 25.

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