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## Whittier-area 8th-graders Invited to Explore Whittier Union Schools, Programs

**WHITTIER** – The Whittier Union High School District's five comprehensive high schools are inviting future freshmen and their parents to attend Future Frosh Night at 6 p.m. **Thursday, March 21**, when members of the class of 2023 will receive valuable information about classes and programs available at each campus.

Teachers, students and administrators at the high schools will host Whittier-area eighth-graders for an evening of exploration of programs available, including: Advanced Placement courses and challenging honors programs; college preparation and counseling; innovative career academies; award-winning athletics programs; visual and performing arts programs; extensive support services; and extracurricular activities.

Whittier Union's five comprehensive high schools – <u>California</u>, <u>La Serna</u>, <u>Pioneer</u>, <u>Santa Fe</u> and <u>Whittier</u> – have each earned the state's highest award: The Gold Ribbon School Award.

Each has also received a Golden Bell Award, the highest recognition given by the California School Boards Association (CSBA). Whittier Union is home to nationally recognized high-performing high schools and numerous innovative career technical education academies.

Nearly 97 percent of students graduate from the comprehensive high schools in four years; 3 percent who receive support in alternative school structures (Sierra Vista and Frontier high schools) graduate in five years, bringing the District's five-year graduation rate to 99 percent.

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