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New U.S. Soccer Field, Playgrounds Installed as District Improves Campuses for Future Reopening

Lynwood – When Hosler Middle School students are safely reinstated in school they will return to a new state-of-the-art U.S. Soccer pitch, one of the many new facilities the District has recently unveiled as it utilizes the period of distance learning to improve facilities across campuses.

The soccer field was awarded through a grant program from the U.S. Soccer Foundation, which installs a mini pitch that comes complete with fencing and built-in goals. The hard-court space is perfectly suited for organized soccer programs or pick-up games between students.

“The new pitch brings so much character to the Hosler campus, and I know it will be a favorite of our students,” Hosler Principal Celinna Pinelo said. “These kinds of additions bring new excitement to school and give us more tools that allow students to exercise their minds and bodies.”

Lynwood Unified has been able to continue improving many of its schools through the downtime thanks to Measure K, supported by the community in 2012. The measure provides funding for the District to renovate, repair, and update school facilities to ensure students have the tools they need to thrive.

As a result, the District also completed a renovation project worth more than \$774,000 that has provided new playgrounds to ensure safe learning environments for students upon their return.

Roosevelt, Will Rogers, and Marshall elementary schools received new playgrounds in spring. Playgrounds at Abbott, Rosa Parks and Mark Twain elementary schools followed.

The new playgrounds showcase fun features that provide more options for play and exercise during recess, like steps, bridges, and slides. Roosevelt replaced its wood chip fall zone with an impact-resistant rubberized surface. Will Rogers received the same overhaul, as well as a new play space for its kindergarten program.

“Our students and families have worked hard to achieve success in distance learning, and we want to ensure they return to environments that enhance their school experience,” LUSD Superintendent Gudiel R. Crosthwaite said. “We are committed to providing our children with the best we have to offer and will continue to work to make sure schools are upgraded for reopening.”

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The **Lynwood Unified School District** is dedicated to offering students a world-class education to prepare them for success in college and career in the 21st century. Under its Achieving Greatness Initiative, the district is realigning all aspects of its organization to strengthen and expand instructional programs, enrichment and extracurricular activities, and support system for students and staff. For more information, visit www.lynwood.k12.ca.us.

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The District is also installing new fire alarms and secure entrances at schools.

“When our children see us improving their learning environment it sends a strong message that we are fully invested in their success,” LUSD Board President Gary Hardie Jr. said. “With every new development, we’re building the next generation of scholars and community leaders.”

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

080620_LUSD_FACILITIES1: Hosler Middle School received a new state-of-the-art U.S. Soccer pitch, one of the many new facilities the District has recently unveiled.

080620_LUSD_FACILITIES2: Lynwood Unified completed a renovation project worth more than \$774,000 that has provided new playgrounds to ensure safe learning environments for students upon their return to campuses.

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The mission of **Lynwood Unified School District**, the cultivator of innovative thinkers, is to ensure each student fearlessly achieves his or her highest academic and personal aspirations while contributing to the greater society through a unique system distinguished by:

- ★ People of great character who inspire and lead by example
- ★ The instilling of courage to be creative
- ★ The transformative uses of technology
- ★ Safe and clean environments
- ★ The honoring of all voices of our community