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West Covina Unified Leaders, Community Celebrate Completion of Edgewood Event Center

WEST COVINA, CA – Cheered on by city officials and District administrators, West Covina Unified Board of Education members cut a ribbon strung across the gates to Edgewood IB Schools, welcoming the community to tour the new Edgewood Event Center on Sept. 8.

The socially distanced ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the completion of a milestone project funded by the voter-approved [Measure ES](#), which has supported District efforts to provide safe and high-quality learning environments that support student success.

“We are thankful for the support of our community and our Board of Education in our mission to provide students with state-of-the-art facilities and unparalleled resources,” WCUSD Superintendent Dr. Charles D. Hinman said. “We look forward to welcoming our students back to campus and seeing them explore their creative and academic interests in our new facilities.”

When the COVID-19 pandemic prompted school closures in March 2020, construction projects progressed steadily with the encouragement of Board President Camie Poulos, Vice President Eileen Miranda Jimenez, Board Clerk Dr. Rose Lopez, and Board Members Michael Flowers and Daniel C. Monarrez. The Event Center was completed in April; celebrations were postponed in accordance with county public health guidelines.

The Event Center features a 350-seat auditorium and freestanding seats, providing a stately venue for District and school stage events and meetings.

The Edgewood Event Center also houses Edgewood IB Schools’ career technical education programs, which offer students hands-on learning experiences and the opportunity to earn certifications. Studios and classrooms will host students as they explore gaming design, video production, International Baccalaureate dance, and theater production.

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The Event Center is one of two new Measure ES-funded facilities at Edgewood IB Schools. The second is the state-of-the-art Edgewood Sports Complex, which will be completed this month and celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 22. Together, the projects cost an estimated \$31.9 million.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

WCUSD_EDGWOOD_CENTER1: West Covina Unified Board of Education members cut the ribbon at the gates leading to the new Edgewood Event Center on Sept. 8.

WCUSD_EDGWOOD_CENTER2: West Covina Unified's Edgewood Event Center features a 350-seat auditorium and freestanding seats, which will house District and school stage events and meetings. The project was funded by the voter-approved Measure ES.

WCUSD_EDGWOOD_CENTER3: The Edgewood Event Center will house Edgewood IB Schools' career technical education programs, providing classrooms and studios for theater production, dance, video production and gaming design.

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