



# El Monte Union High School District

*Community Committed to College and Career*

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### **El Monte Union to Name New Cafeteria after Respected Educator Bobby Salcedo**

**EL MONTE** – The El Monte Union Board of Trustees unanimously voted on Nov. 7 to name Mountain View High School’s new cafeteria the “Bobby Salcedo Student Union” in honor of former student, teacher and administrator Augustin Roberto “Bobby” Salcedo.

Salcedo, who died in 2009, was a respected educator with deep roots in the El Monte community. He graduated from Mountain View High School, where he was ASB president, in 1994; taught at South El Monte High School; and served as an administrator at South El Monte, Mountain View and El Monte high schools. He was finishing his doctoral degree at UCLA and serving his second term on the El Monte City School District Board of Education at the time of his untimely death.

“Bobby was a devoted family man and community activist who believed that every student deserved access to higher education opportunities,” Board President Maria Morgan said. “He was uniquely talented, highly successful and motivated numerous students across our District to pursue their goals. This building will serve as a reminder to our students and community that we are committed to helping our students achieve.”

The cafeteria at Mountain View was destroyed by a fire in January 2013. Construction of the new cafeteria – which is being funded through insurance – is expected to be complete in December. The 30,000-square-foot facility will include interior and exterior seating areas and restrooms, a student store, kitchen and staff lounge with restrooms, as well as ASB meeting rooms and a maintenance garage.

A dedication ceremony is planned for January.

Staff, alumni and students overwhelmingly supported naming the facility after Salcedo, who overcame a host of obstacles as he pursued his college and career goals.

“Although we didn’t know him, we know he made a huge impact on our school,” said Mountain View ASB Vice President Francisco Rosales. “He was an amazing and inspiring person.”

“His legacy continues to inspire change and motivates us to become something greater than ourselves,” ASB President Anahi Vega added. “He is a perfect example of our school motto, ‘Inspire Greatness.’”

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Phase 2 of the project, to be funded with Measure D bond dollars, will include a theater arts component with a performance arts stage and stadium-style seating, enhanced acoustics, sound and lighting, and landscape enhancements.

“El Monte Union is proud to be the home of an inspirational community leader who believed in empowering our students through education and ensuring that nothing stood in their way of attending college,” Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. “It is a legacy that continues to drive our District’s core beliefs, and we are fortunate that his passion will be celebrated for generations to come.”

**PHOTO CAPTIONS:**

**112618\_EMUHS\_D\_SALCEDO1:** Mountain View High School’s new cafeteria will be named the “Bobby Salcedo Student Union” in honor of former student, teacher and administrator Augustin Roberto “Bobby” Salcedo, who died in 2009.

**112618\_EMUHS\_D\_SALCEDO2:** The “Bobby Salcedo Student Union” is a 30,000-square-foot facility that will include interior and exterior seating areas and restrooms, a student store, kitchen and staff lounge with restrooms, as well as ASB meeting rooms and a maintenance garage. Construction is expected to be completed in December, with a dedication ceremony planned for early next year.

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*The vision of the El Monte Union High School District is to empower and motivate our students to be resilient, college and career ready, lifelong learners and contributing members of our global society.*