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# Sierra Vista High Transforms Library into Tech-Rich Student Collaboration Center

Project is part of a \$175,000 infusion of new technology

**BALDWIN PARK** – Sierra Vista High School will hold a grand opening at 9 a.m. **Thursday, Dec. 8** for a renovated library that features five tech-infused stations where students can work together on group projects.

The renovation is at the core of a \$175,000 transformation that re-envisioned how the space can foster collaboration.

“We have increased our career pathways in the areas of technology and now we need our library to reflect this growth and be a resource to our students,” Sierra Vista Principal Christine Simmons said. “The modernized library will open new opportunities for students to collaborate with the digital devices and other resources they need.”

Two stations are set up in private rooms; three more are in the library’s main room. Each includes a flat-screen TV that can be connected to student laptops via Bluetooth, wheeled chairs and upgraded Wi-Fi. The private rooms feature stereo sound systems.

As part of the tech expansion, students can check out 25 new HP laptops for in-library use and work in a computer lab that hosts 20 HP desktops. Sierra Vista High School plans to buy iPads and Mac desktops next year. The project will serve as a model for campus transformations across Baldwin Park Unified.

“These tools are critical to our students’ efforts to prepare for college and the increasingly complex challenges of today’s job market,” Superintendent Froilan Mendoza said. “Our goal is to create areas where technology, collaboration and learning meld seamlessly.”

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