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El Monte Union Unveils New State-of-the-Art Stadium with Festive Ribbon-Cutting

EL MONTE – The El Monte Union High School District (EMUHSD) celebrated a momentous occasion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 30, marking the grand opening of Mountain View High School’s (MVHS) new state-of-the-art stadium, which includes a new rubberized track and field, modern bleachers, concession stands, restrooms, upgraded parking facilities, and an impressive grand entrance.

Local dignitaries, school officials, students, alumni, and community members gathered to witness this milestone. The celebration featured student performances, honorary speeches, stadium tours, student-athlete drill demonstrations, and complimentary food and refreshments. Key speakers included MVHS Principal Jose Bañas, Associated Student Body (ASB) President and senior Jacqueline Medina, Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga, and Board President Ricardo Padilla, who highlighted the stadium's role in promoting healthy living, enhancing school spirit, and serving as a community hub.

“Getting our Viking stadium back, just in time for graduation, is one of the most exciting events yet this school year,” Medina said. “My fellow Class of 2024 peers and I will have the honor of walking across that stage on our home field and we are so excited to get to celebrate once again as an entire Viking family.”

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony and the official opening of the stadium, seniors celebrated in true MVHS fashion by running through the new Viking tunnel onto the field, proudly becoming the first students to experience the new turf.

“I would like to recognize our amazing students whose enthusiasm and dedication help define Mountain View High. This stadium reflects our commitment to their continued growth and success,” Padilla said. “We have all been patiently, yet eagerly waiting for this day. A huge thank you to our project partners, and our community members and families, your steadfast support has brought this project to fruition.”

The MVHS Stadium Project, part of a comprehensive \$190 million modernization initiative funded by the District’s Measure HS Bond approved in October 2018, is designed to provide top-notch facilities for all campuses. The project aims to create a dynamic environment for physical fitness activities, student performances, and community gatherings.

“The goal of this project is to foster healthy living and enhance school spirit by providing a welcoming space for our students and community. This area will be dedicated to physical fitness activities, athletic events, health and wellness instruction, student performances, and various school community functions,” Zuniga said. “On behalf of the District, we cannot wait for all the improvements to be enjoyed by our students, families, and faculty.”

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PHOTO CAPTIONS:

EMUHSD MVHS RIBBONCUTTING 1: Mountain View High School administrators, senior student-athletes, and Associated Student Body members celebrate the grand opening of the new state-of-the-art stadium alongside El Monte Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 30.

EMUHSD MVHS RIBBONCUTTING 2: Mountain View High School student-athletes run through a Viking tunnel onto the school's newly-built stadium, becoming the first to experience the new turf during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 30.

EMUHSD MVHS RIBBONCUTTING 3: Mountain View High School's cheer team excite guests and community members with spirited cheers while they enjoy tours of the school's newly built state-of-the-art stadium during a ribbon-cutting celebration on May 30.

EMUHSD MVHS RIBBONCUTTING 4: Mountain View High School track and field senior-athletes celebrate their new stadium by participating in drill demonstrations where they showcased their skills during a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on May 30.

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