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Whittier Union to Dedicate New 7,000-Seat Stadium to Former Superintendent Thorstenson

WHAT: The Whittier Union High School District will unveil its new 7,000-seat stadium at California High School on Aug. 12, dedicating the athletic complex the “Sandra Sanchez Thorstenson Stadium” in honor of its former superintendent, who retired in June after 39 years with the District.

Thorstenson began her career in Whittier Union in 1977, serving in multiple positions, including teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent of educational services and superintendent for 15 years. A plaque in her honor will be presented at a ceremony that will feature tributes from dignitaries and community leaders.

The \$20 million project features a 22-acre sports complex that includes baseball and softball fields, an all-weather track, soccer practice areas and refurbished outdoor basketball and volleyball courts. Tours will be available following the program.

WHEN: 4 p.m. Friday, August 12

WHERE: California High School
9800 Mills Ave.
Whittier

DETAILS: The new stadium will serve as the home field for the high school football teams of California, Whittier and La Serna. The project was funded by proceeds from the \$75 million Measure W bond, which was passed by voters in November in 2008 to modernize Whittier Union’s campuses and upgrade its athletic facilities. The stadium boasts enhanced seating capacity – 5,000 seats for the home team and 2,000 for visitors – and upgrades that include renovated soccer fields, junior varsity and varsity baseball and softball fields, and concession areas. Thorstenson is a Whittier High School graduate who began her career as a teacher at Pioneer High School. She later served as assistant principal of Cal High, assistant principal and principal of Santa Fe High School, assistant superintendent and superintendent. She is also the parent of a La Serna High School graduate. Thortenson retired in June.

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