



## Media Advisory

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### Whittier Union to Celebrate Grand Opening of Dick Torres Memorial Stadium

**WHAT:** The Whittier Union High School District will unveil its spectacular 7,000-seat football stadium at Pioneer High School – among the largest high school stadiums in the San Gabriel Valley – during a grand opening ceremony on May 28.

The facility will be dedicated as the Dick Torres Memorial Stadium in honor of Richard (Dick) Torres, who died in 2010 after serving more than 30 years as an educational leader and inspiration to Whittier Union students. A plaque in his honor will be unveiled.

The \$17.5 million District facility boasts a synthetic football field, a nine-lane, multi-colored synthetic track, scoreboard and goal posts, press box and locker and weight rooms. Tours will be available following the program.

**WHEN:** 4:45 p.m. Thursday, May 28

**WHO:** Mary Torres, wife of Dick Torres; Whittier Union Board of Trustees President Jeff Baird; Whittier Union Superintendent Sandra Thorstenson; dignitaries; and community leaders.

**WHERE:** Pioneer High School  
10800 E. Benavon St.  
Whittier, CA 90606

**DETAILS:** Pioneer High School's 18-acre athletic site was transformed into a state-of-the-art, multifaceted athletic complex that will be shared by Pioneer and Santa Fe high schools. Funded through the \$75 million Measure W facilities bond passed by local voters, the stadium boasts enhanced seating capacity – with 2,000 seats for visitors and seating for 5,000 for the home team – and upgrades that include renovated soccer fields, outdoor tennis courts, junior varsity and varsity baseball and softball fields, and concession areas. Torres began his career at Whittier Union in 1969 as a teacher at Santa Fe, serving and motivating first-generation college-going youths. He later served as Pioneer's Assistant Principal of Business and Activities. He retired in 1991, but continued to substitute as a teacher and administrator at every District school until his passing in 2010.

**Coverage and/or inclusion of this event in your calendar of events  
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