



GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Grossmont High School to Unveil State-of-the-Art Facilities

Dedication ceremony and ribbon-cutting will celebrate new Sports Medicine classroom, Food Services building, weight room, stadium bleachers, press box, and renovated classroom spaces



WHAT: Dedication ceremony and ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the opening of Grossmont High School's newest facilities, which include a state-of-the-art Sports Medicine classroom – part of the District's acclaimed Career Technical Education program – collegiate-quality weight room, food services facility, stadium bleachers, press box, and renovated classroom spaces which currently house the Grossmont High School Museum – the keystone of Grossmont High School's vast alumni network that provides vital support for Grossmont's instructional and extracurricular programs.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Grossmont High School, [1100 Murray Drive, El Cajon, 92020](#)

(Parking for the event will be available in the faculty lot near the football field - view [campus map](#))

BACKGROUND: The project involved both new construction and significant modernization of existing buildings. New facilities include a spacious classroom for Grossmont's Sports Medicine Pathway, complete with cutting-edge equipment, diagnostic tools, and interactive displays.

New athletic facilities include an expansive new collegiate-quality weight room outfitted with top-of-the-line strength training equipment, a dedicated coach's space, a secure storage area for sports equipment, and a new restroom facility. Additionally, the project provides new bleachers with ADA access from both sides and a new press box.

The project provides a new space for Grossmont's Food Services function, with a modern kitchen and food preparation area, a walk-in freezer and refrigerator, and thoughtfully laid-out serving stations. The facility can efficiently serve over-1,000 students within a 15-minute timeframe.

New classroom spaces serve as the current home of the relocated Grossmont High School Museum and its extensive memorabilia collection. The museum existed previously in a building that was cleared for new construction.

Additional features and information can be found in the project [fact sheet](#).

EVENT PROGRAM:

- Welcome - Dan Barnes, Principal, Grossmont High School
- National Anthem
- Speaking Program
 - Mary Beth Kastan, Superintendent, Grossmont Union High School District
 - Chris Ray, Sports Medicine Teacher, Grossmont High School
 - Jim Earley, Physical Education Department Co-Chair, Grossmont High School
 - Vince Scimone, Food Services Director, Grossmont Union High School District
 - Abby Cott, Associated Student Body (ASB) President, Grossmont High School
- Presentation of certificates from local elected officials/representatives
- Ribbon Cutting
- Student-guided tours

Interviews and previews can be arranged ahead of the event with advanced notice. A Spanish speaker can also be made available.

Funded by Proposition U and Measure BB, these are the latest projects for Grossmont's comprehensive master plan.

About Grossmont High School

Grossmont High School, established in 1920, is the oldest high school in San Diego's East County. Home of the Foothillers, the school is home to approximately 2,800 students. The school offers a rigorous academic program with extensive honors and Advanced Placement course offerings and a well-established Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. Grossmont's highly acclaimed Career Technical Education pathways include career exploration programs in Arts, Media, and Entertainment; Education, Child Development, and Family Services; Engineering; Sports Medicine; Information and Communication Technology; and Transportation. Its Associated Student Body (ASB) organization has been awarded the California State Leadership Award for nine consecutive years. The Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) is one of the most recognized in California.

About the Grossmont Union High School District (GUHSD)

Established in 1920, the GUHSD encompasses an area of approximately 465 square miles, including the cities of El Cajon, Santee and Lemon Grove, most of the city of La Mesa, a small portion of the city of San Diego, and the unincorporated areas of Alpine, Dulzura, Jamul, Lakeside and Spring Valley. Over 21,000 students are served by the District's schools which include nine comprehensive high schools, two charter schools, one continuation high school, two alternative education sites, four special education facilities, a middle college high school program, a Career Technical Education (CTE) and an adult education program. The District employs 2,300 full-time employees, as well as hundreds of hourly employees, making it one of the largest employers in East County. Learn more at www.guhsd.net.

About Measure BB and Proposition U

Measure BB, a \$128 million general obligation bond approved by East County voters in 2016, is in place to upgrade GUHSD high school classrooms/labs/facilities; repair aging roofs, plumbing/electrical systems; modernize technology infrastructure; improve student safety/security; replace deteriorated portables; construct new school facilities to accommodate growth; and renovate career-training facilities for instruction in science, technology, engineering, math and skilled trades. Proposition U, a \$417 million general obligation bond passed in November 2008, substantially completes the modernization of all district schools, providing classrooms and equipment for Career Technical Education, and multi-purpose facilities. Learn more at the GUHSD Bond Construction Program [website](#).