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Ontario-Montclair School District Hosts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the New Wellness, Arts & Technology at Serrano Middle School

Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) is proud to announce the grand opening of its newly constructed Wellness, Arts & Technology Center at Serrano Middle School. OMSD will host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Facing beautiful Mt. Baldy and its surrounding mountains, the Wellness, Arts & Technology (WAT) Center will provide access to competitive 21st Century learning programs for OMSD students. The facility will focus on student wellness, arts and technology. This will be supported through utilization of the performing arts stage, multi-media lab, vocational learning "makerspace," and comprehensive gymnasium. The multi-media and makerspace labs will allow large group learning and breakout sessions, workspaces for collaboration, and integrated technology for collaborative work to support coding and robotics. This state-of-the-art facility will provide a myriad of comprehensive learning opportunities to Serrano Middle School students as well as to its feeder elementary school students.

As part of the enhancement and expansion of the current after-school and summer programs, the WAT Center will support the District's goals in the further development of students' academic, social and emotional, and physical needs. Through these exploratory activities during the summer, students will have hands-on and engaging learning experiences and activities at the WAT Centers throughout the District. The facility will accommodate over 1,600 guests at full seating capacity and maximize guests' experience with amplified acoustic abilities for the visual and performing arts programs. This facility is composed of state-of-the-art energy-efficient equipment. During the development of the WAT Center, sustainable building materials were used in alignment with the District's continual efforts to support the environment with green construction practices.

Board President Elvia M. Rivas stated, *"The Board of Trustees extends its sincerest appreciation to the OMSD community for supporting Measure K and congratulates the Serrano Middle School community for the grand opening of the Wellness, Arts & Technology Center. This facility will provide a world-class education and experience to students in the Ontario-Montclair School District."*

Serrano Middle School is located at 4725 San Jose Street, Montclair, CA 91763

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