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Fontana Unified Launches 2016-17 with Opening of Dolores Huerta International Academy Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to Celebrate Dual-Language School

WHAT: Fontana Unified will kick off 2016-17 by welcoming 350 K-3 students to its newly constructed Dolores Huerta International Academy, named for civil rights activist and labor leader Dolores Huerta.

The campus will provide dual-language immersion and Pre-International Baccalaureate magnet programs.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will feature Principal Maribel Lopez-Tyus, along with comments from Fontana Unified School District Co-Interim Superintendent Randal Bassett and Board of Education President Lorena Corona.

WHEN: Thursday, Aug. 4
9:15 a.m.: Ribbon-cutting ceremony

WHERE: Dolores Huerta International Academy
17777 Merrill Ave., Fontana

DETAILS: Dolores Huerta International Academy will launch with classes in kindergarten through third grade, 12 classroom teachers and a teacher on special assignment. Grade four will be added in 2017-18 and grade five in 2018-19.

Under a rigorous, dual-language curriculum, students in kindergarten and first grade will receive 90 percent of their instruction in Spanish and 10 percent in English. As they progress through the grades, the percentage of English instruction will grow until lessons balance equally between English and Spanish in fifth grade.

The Pre-International Baccalaureate (IB) program will provide K-5 students with a rigorous course of study to prepare them for enrollment in high school IB programs, which feature college-level coursework.

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Fontana offers an IB program at Jurupa Hills High School.

Construction for the new academy began in February 2015. Due to large interest in enrollment, students were selected for entrance based on a random drawing held earlier this year.

Huerta is expected to attend a celebration for the campus in October.

**Coverage and/or inclusion of this event in your calendar of events
is welcome and greatly appreciated.**

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