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MEDIA RELEASE

Rata Teachers Prepare Renovated School for Students

What: Rata High School teachers move in to renovated campus in preparation for students’ return after the winter break

When: Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 18 and 19, 2018
8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Rata High School
1373 W. Mesa Ave. (93711)

It’s winter break, but Rata High School teachers are busy moving back into their newly renovated campus in preparation for students’ return on Jan. 7. After a year holding classes at McLane High School, Rata is nearly ready to reopen its doors to students. The school serves grades 9-12 and adults up to age 22 with developmental disabilities, many of whom are medically fragile. The campus now features improved facilities and is more accessible for students.

Rata will hold an open house on Feb. 8 to celebrate the $5.2 million renovation. The open house will include entertainment, food trucks and tours. The project included remodeling the existing building (10 classrooms and two life skills kitchens) and adding two classrooms; adding two fully equipped nurse stations; providing new conference, laundry and support spaces; extending and widening the outdoor walking track; installing new concrete walks for access to the play courts and exercise apparatus; modifying the bus loading/unloading areas; and improving fencing and gates for access security. Every classroom now has a fully accessible restroom and
all doors were widened and automated to accommodate wheelchairs and other accessibility equipment.

Rata renovations were possible thanks to Measure X, the $225 million local school bond measure voters overwhelmingly approved in November 2016.

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