MEDIA RELEASE

Rata High School Welcomes Students Back after Renovations

What:  Students return to a renovated Rata High School following the winter break

When:  Monday, Jan. 7, 2019
        8:45 a.m.

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

Rata High School, which serves students with developmental disabilities, will welcome students back following the winter break to a renovated campus that is easier to get around and features remodeled classrooms and improved facilities. The school serves grades 9-12 and adults up to age 22, many of whom are medically fragile. For more than a year, Rata students attended classes at McLane High School.

The $5.2 million 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. Rata will hold an open house on Feb. 8 that will include entertainment, food trucks and tours.

“We are so thrilled and excited to reopen Rata to our students and their families. It’s been a long process, with inconveniences for staff and students, but the end result is well worth the wait. With the changes, we will be able to better serve our older students with development disabilities and in some cases, huge medical issues,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

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