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Paramount High School's Pirate Stadium Celebrates its First Upgrade in 55 Years

(PARAMOUNT, CALIF.) October 15, 2008 – Friday night lights will flood the new field at Paramount High School as the Pirates and their faithful fans gather for a gridiron clash with long-time rival Downey High School. The historic meeting will showcase the school's \$13 million stadium facelift, the first significant upgrade since 1953.

Designed by educational facility experts at LPA Inc., the multi-purpose 6,000-seat Paramount High School Pirate Stadium features a Field Turf synthetic field, an all-weather, nine-lane urethane track, a lighted score board, press box with elevator, two pole vault pads, a high jump area, and two long jump runways with four sand pits.



To mark the event, PHS is celebrating with a grand opening ceremony before the first league game of the season is played. An expected standing-room only crowd of students, parents, boosters, school faculty and administrators will attend a VIP reception scheduled to start at 6 p.m. on October 17, 2008 in the Paramount High School gymnasium. The festivities will continue on the field with a special presentation and fireworks show at halftime.

“Students have been playing their hearts out on this dusty old field for decades. We just wanted to give them the same opportunities that other students at surrounding school districts have--state-of-the-art facilities that enhance student-athlete experiences,” said Paramount High School District Superintendent Dr. David J. Verdugo.

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Fans attending events at the new facility will soon enjoy a central promenade and entry plaza with separate ticketing booths, restroom facilities and concession buildings for both home and visiting teams. The athletic promenade will be anchored by a 29,000-square-foot Field House Building which includes dedicated team/locker rooms, classrooms, weight room,



wrestling facility, and instrumental room for the marching band. The athletic promenade also serves as a gateway to a new 450-seat baseball complex.

“Paramount’s goal for the stadium and the campus has always been transforming lives by creating places the community can take pride in. It’s what the district calls ‘The Paramount Experience.’ This will be an icon for the future student athletes and a community gateway to the athletic complex,” said LPA Principal Architect Don Pender.

The baseball complex is a collegiate-level field with 350-foot left and right field lines, 385-foot center field fence, 37-foot vinyl-coated backstop, fully sub-drained natural turf area to ensure durability and year-round access, concrete dugouts, multiple batting cages, and enclosed bullpens.

Funding for the stadium and all projects throughout the district is made possible by a \$100-million-bond referendum passed by Paramount voters. The Measure AA Campaign for Kids passed in November 2006 with the highest percentage of voter support of any bond measure in the state.

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