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### Opening of New Lincoln Middle School Track and Field Celebrated

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, along with Lincoln Middle School staff, parents and students, celebrated the grand opening of the new track and field with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

City of Santa Monica leaders, representatives of elected officials and field permit users, joined together to see and celebrate this new state-of-the-art facility.

Features of the new facility include synthetic turf with environmentally-friendly cork infill, a new six-lane rubber track, the return of field lights and upgraded and enlarged restrooms that are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

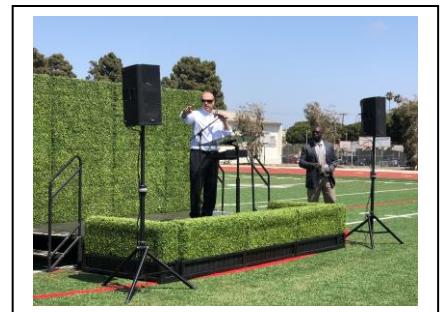


Funding for the project came from Measure ES, approved by local voters. “We thank our communities of Santa Monica and Malibu for their ongoing support of our school bonds that are critical to providing our students with 21<sup>st</sup> century learning spaces, both indoors and outdoors,” School Board President Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein said.

City Councilmember Tony Vazquez praised the project and the ongoing partnership between the City and the school district for shared use of fields and other facilities. The City of Santa Monica and SMMUSD recently updated a Master Facility Use Agreement outlining the agreement that provides use of school fields and facilities to the public.

Representatives from Senator Ben Allen’s office and Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s office presented certificates to the school in honor of the occasion.

“We are excited to share this multi-purpose space with our students and community for years to come and hope that everyone takes care to maintain it in the condition it is in today,” Lincoln Middle School Principal Florence Culpepper said.



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