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LAUSD OFFICIALS CUT THE RIBBON ON THE HILDA L. SOLIS LEARNING ACADEMY

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) officials today joined students, staff, community members, elected officials and special guests to cut the ribbon on the new Hilda L. Solis Learning Academy.

"Today we dedicated the Hilda L. Solis Learning Academy to a woman who has the upbringing of so many of our students who come from working class and immigrant homes," LAUSD Board President Mónica García said. "Secretary Solis received an education; she became a Rio Hondo College Trustee, an Assemblywoman, a Senator and a Congresswoman. She also became the first Latina to serve in the United States Cabinet in President Obama's first term as the U.S. Secretary of Labor. Our students can see through her career that education opens amazing doors. This facility in East Los Angeles will help us get more students to graduation. The school's focus on technology and business will open endless career opportunities for our kids."

Secretary Solis said, "I am honored that they would consider naming the school after me, and I am profoundly moved by this kind gesture. I am delighted that this is one of the premiere academic centers in the East Los Angeles area. I have been proud to represent the area previously and continue to support student achievement and innovation."

California State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez added, "Hilda Solis is a true public servant who has been a fierce advocate for this community and a real champion for quality public education," "It is only fitting then that this Learning Academy bears the name of the Honorable Hilda L. Solis."

"Former U.S. Secretary of Labor, Hilda Solis, is the first Latina to have served in the U.S. Cabinet," California State Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez said. "For many years, she has served the public as a strong leader of color. The Hilda L. Solis Learning Academy should be proud to educate students under the name of such an inspiring leader, and I look forward to all of the great leaders that are sure to come out of this school."

Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina said, "I have a deep respect for the educators who serve as role models for our children, and I truly admire the many inspiring women in our community who have changed society for the better. "How fitting that this Learning Academy is named after our distinguished former Congresswoman and U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis, whose life's work has genuinely improved opportunities for women, families and our nation."

The Hilda L. Solis Learning Academy is a Public School Choice site. The School of Technology, Business, and Education (STBE) is designed to graduate students ready for the global workplace of the 21st Century by demonstrating proficiency of the core academic content. STBE also inspires students to be proactive citizens who contribute to the future educational and socio-economic growth of their community.

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The new high school academy, located on the former East Los Angeles Star Hospital site, was constructed from the core and shell of an existing building to provide 26 classrooms. The campus consists of classrooms, science labs, and administration offices. The facility also includes a library, a food service area and indoor dining room, administration offices, surface parking and a new gymnasium building with two fitness classrooms.

“This state-of-the-art neighborhood school was designed and built to meet the needs of the surrounding community for today’s students, and for many generations to come,” LAUSD Chief Facilities Executive Mark Hovatter said.

The new Hilda L. Solis Learning Academy is part of LAUSD’s current \$19.5 billion New School Construction and Modernization Program to provide every student with the opportunity to attend a safe and healthy neighborhood school operating on a traditional, two-semester calendar. For more information, please visit www.laschools.org.

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