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## **La Scuola International School Celebrates New Silicon Valley Campus with an Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

**EAST PALO ALTO, CA** - La Scuola International School, a PreK through Grade 8 Language Immersion school is excited to celebrate the opening of its Silicon Valley location, in East Palo Alto, with an official ribbon cutting ceremony on September 29, 2022. This campus, with its unique blend of Reggio Emilia approach, Italian language immersion, and International Baccalaureate curriculum framework, is now La Scuola's third in the Bay Area.

La Scuola welcomes many community partners, Board members, faculty, staff, alumni, supporters and current families to the event. Head of School, Valentina Imbeni, Ph.D., and San Francisco Italian Consul General, Sergio Strozzi, will open the event with welcoming remarks, introduce additional esteemed speakers, including the Mayor of East Palo Alto and close with an official ribbon cutting, and photo opportunity.

The ceremony celebrates the end of a two-year planning and construction process, supported by a generous gift, with an opportunity to share the campus with the community. Preschool students began the 2022 - 2023 school year in August, and the campus will continue to expand up through Grade 8, adding on an additional class each year.

"For many years, our Board of Directors has studied the feasibility of launching a La Scuola satellite campus in the South Bay, and this is the right time to expand," said Lama Nachman and Courtenay Brown, Co-Chairs of the Board of Directors. "Expanding to Silicon Valley allows more children and families to benefit and thrive in a Reggio Emilia-inspired education and will enhance the experiences of our program for students and families."

"The Italian Consulate General in San Francisco has supported the expansion of La Scuola in Silicon Valley for a long time. Thanks to the efforts of the former Consul General Lorenzo Ortona, Head Of School Valentina Imbeni, and Nathalie Dompe', we are so proud that we can finally announce this new home for the teaching of Italian culture and language with the extraordinary Reggio Emilia educational approach," said Sergio Strozzi, Italian Consul General in San Francisco. "We are confident that many children will benefit from this qualified approach and we cannot wait to see La Scuola Silicon Valley grow in the years to come. Congratulations to Valentina Imbeni, Head of School, the Board of Directors, friends and supporters of the school, and all the faculty and staff for this great achievement."

Families interested in learning more about the campus, or enrolling children in Preschool through Grade 1, should email our Admissions team at [admissions@lascuolasf.org](mailto:admissions@lascuolasf.org) or visit us at [www.lascuolasf.org/admissions/tours-events](http://www.lascuolasf.org/admissions/tours-events).



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### ABOUT LA SCUOLA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Founded in 2002, La Scuola International School – the only Reggio Emilia inspired, International Baccalaureate (IB) and Italian language immersion school in the world – is serving the Bay Area with two San Francisco campuses (Preschool - Grade 8), and one new campus in Silicon Valley (Preschool - Grade 1). Our mission is to ***inspire brave learners to shape the future***. Every day, it's the students at La Scuola who ask challenging questions and lead their learning across languages, across cultures, and across subjects. Students do not need to speak Italian to join La Scuola. To learn more, please visit us at [www.lascuolasf.org](http://www.lascuolasf.org).

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