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LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF LORETTA ZUMBRO ELEMENTARY — A STATE-OF-THE-ART SCHOOL HONORING A LOCAL LEGEND

Buckeye, AZ (August 22, 2025) — Liberty Elementary School District is thrilled to announce the official opening of **Loretta Zumbro Elementary School**, a brand-new, state-of-the-art campus named in honor of one of the district’s most beloved and impactful employees, **Loretta Zumbro**.

Principal Bruce Nieminski welcomed students, staff, and families to the new campus earlier this month, calling the first days of school “a fantastic beginning to what promises to be an incredible chapter for Liberty ESD.”

The district Leadership echoed Principal Nieminski's words.

“It’s not every day that a district gets to open a new school — and it’s even more special when that school bears the name of someone who has dedicated their life to serving generations of students,” said Interim Superintendent McDonald. “Loretta Zumbro represents everything we strive for in education: commitment, heart, and excellence.”

A Campus Designed for 21st Century Learning

Loretta Zumbro Elementary boasts cutting-edge features including:

- Flexible, collaborative learning spaces
- Fully integrated technology in every classroom
- Outdoor learning spaces
- State of the art, flexible classrooms

The school is designed to support academic achievement, creativity, and student well-being from the ground up.

Honoring a Legacy of Service

Loretta Zumbro, a current employee with decades of service in Liberty ESD, has become a legendary figure among students, families, and colleagues for her unwavering dedication, warmth, and mentorship. Naming the school in her honor reflects the district’s appreciation for her lasting impact.

“I’m truly humbled,” said Loretta Zumbro. “To know that future generations will learn and grow in a place that carries my name — I can’t think of a greater honor.”

Enrollment Still Open

If you're new to the area or looking for a fresh start, there is still space available at Loretta Zumbro Elementary for the 2025–2026 school year. The school is open to all families residing within Liberty ESD and those interested in transferring.

Liberty ESD is committed to providing exceptional educational opportunities in a safe, engaging, and student-centered environment. With innovative programs, dedicated educators, and strong community ties, Liberty is proud to prepare every student for lifelong success.

For more information about enrollment or to schedule a tour of Loretta Zumbro Elementary School, please visit <https://www.liberty25.org/>

If you would like to connect with Mr. Trevor McDonald, please contact Minnie Kamarata, Administrative Assistant, at mkamarata@liberty25.org.

About LESD25

Founded in 1887, the Liberty Elementary School District No. 25 spans 285 square miles including rural and suburban settings. It has grown from a historic one-room schoolhouse, to seven kindergarten through eighth grade schools between Buckeye and Goodyear, educating more than 4,500 students. Each school is tailored to serve students based on their interests through unique signature programs. LESD25 prepares all students for success in high school and beyond with engaging and challenging learning environments. Through individual accomplishment, personal leadership, and contribution to their community, children flourish. Discover more at liberty25.org.

Provide an environment that guarantees all students learn at a high level.

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