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West High School Ag Building Grand Opening

TRACY, CA – Tracy Unified School District is proud to announce the Grand Opening of the new Merrill F. West High School Agriculture Career Technical Education (CTE) Building, a state-of-the-art facility that will expand hands-on learning opportunities and prepare students for rewarding careers in agriculture and the skilled trades.

The community is invited to celebrate this exciting milestone on **Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** Students, families, staff, community members, and local industry partners are encouraged to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony and tour the new facility.

The approximately 8,200-square-foot Agriculture CTE Building is the first dedicated shop building in West High School's history. Designed as a modern learning environment, the single-story steel-and-glass facility features high ceilings, a classroom, project space, laboratory areas, and a fully equipped shop for welding, metal fabrication, woodworking, and other agricultural mechanics instruction.

Students enrolled in the Agriculture Mechanics program will receive hands-on training in welding, concrete work, plumbing, electrical systems, metal fabrication, and woodworking. These real-world experiences will equip students with valuable technical skills and industry knowledge that can lead directly to high-demand careers after graduation or provide a strong foundation for continued education and apprenticeship programs.

The facility includes multiple student welding stations and flexible workshop spaces designed to support a variety of agricultural education projects. Existing agricultural learning areas, including the school's garden beds, greenhouse, and animal pens will remain in place adjacent to the new building, creating a comprehensive agricultural education campus.

Constructed at a total cost of $12,000,000, including site improvements and equipment, the project was funded through Capital Facilities Funds and Career Technical Education (CTE) funds. The investment reflects Tracy Unified School District's ongoing commitment to providing innovative learning environments that prepare students for college, career, and lifelong success.

"This new Agriculture CTE Building represents an investment in our students and in the future workforce of our community," said Dr. Rob Pecot, Superintendent of Tracy Unified School District. "By providing students with access to modern equipment and hands-on technical training, we are creating pathways to high-paying, in-demand careers while strengthening agricultural education in Tracy."

The new Agriculture CTE Building will serve not only as a classroom and workshop but also as a gathering place for agricultural events, student projects, and community partnerships, further expanding opportunities for experiential learning.
Tracy Unified School District looks forward to welcoming the community to celebrate this exciting addition to West High School and to showcase the exceptional Career Technical Education opportunities available to students.