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NEW EAST JR. HIGH OFFICIALLY DEDICATED

Boise, ID -- 10/23/09 – The official dedication ceremony for the new East Junior High School attracted hundreds of students, parents, District officials, Chamber members, architects, engineers, construction company representatives, and members of the public. On Friday, October 23, 2009 the dedication ceremony was held at the new school located at 5600 E. Warm Springs Avenue, in east Boise.

Construction of the new school was made possible thanks to the overwhelming support of voters who supported passage of a 94 million dollar bond to consolidate, renovate and rebuild a number of schools, including construction of the new East Jr. High School. The bond passed with 70.45% of the yes vote in March of 2006.

During the East dedication ceremony, Board President **A.J. Balukoff** thanked voters for making construction of the new school possible. “On behalf of the Boise School District, the Board of Trustees, and the Administration, I would like to express how grateful we are to live in a community that has supported its public school system for more than 125 years,” said President Balukoff. “Today, the East students who walk this campus and the halls of this new school can do so knowing that the community supports their efforts and cares deeply about their education.”

The new school was built to serve 900+ students and features the following:

- Size: 126,580 square feet
- Twenty-six (26) standard classrooms
- Four (4) science labs
- Two (2) art rooms
- One (1) home economics classroom

- Three (3) computer labs
- Two (2) special education classrooms
- Three (3) resource rooms
- One (1) band room
- One (1) choir room
- One (1) library/media center with reading and computer areas and two large skylights
- A full size cafeteria and kitchen
- A main one-thousand seat gymnasium with wood flooring and locker rooms
- A practice gymnasium
- An all-weather track surrounding a synthetic turf performance football field
- One (1) practice football field
- Two (2) softball fields
- Two (2) soccer fields
- Two (2) basketball courts
- Six (6) tennis courts
- Approximate cost to construct: \$20 million+

The school features a number of “green” features. The school’s heating, ventilating and air conditioning system utilizes gas fired condensing boilers which operate at 96-percent efficiency providing heat to high efficiency “green-friendly” water source heat pumps. This system utilizes variable speed pumping for water distribution and energy savings. All fresh air is preheated and cooled resulting in 50 to 60-percent energy savings over conventional fresh air systems. Plumbing fixtures utilize water reducing fixtures with automatic operation to conserve water. Room occupancy sensors and automated lighting controls, along with new energy efficient lamps and ballasts, allow thousands of watts and thousands of dollars in lighting energy to be saved annually.

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