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# JFK High's new \$5.9 million stadium opens this Friday

*State-of-the-art sports complex funded by Measure R bonds*

**September 3, 2014 (Sacramento):** SCUSD will cut the ribbon on a new \$5.9 million athletic stadium at John F. Kennedy High School with a ceremony and pre-football game pep rally at 3:30 p.m. on Friday (September 5).

The stadium features an artificial turf field, recycled rubber track, new bleachers, a new concession stand building with restrooms and new landscaping. It replaces a weedy grass field that was peppered with gopher holes, difficult to play on and hard to maintain.

The new stadium is funded by Measure R bonds. Sacramento voters approved Measures Q and R – facilities bonds for Sac City schools – in November 2012.

Made in the USA with recycled rubber, the sandwich-style track surface is free of harmful heavy metals and durable enough for world-class performance training and competition. The equivalent of 7,000 passenger tires was kept from landfills through the recycling process.

The field is made of natural-looking AstroTurf GameDay Grass which is used in such collegiate football stadiums as those at Michigan State University and Kansas State University. A study by the NFL Charities Foundation shows that GameDay Grass helps lower the risk of ankle and knee joint injuries.

The Kennedy Cougars will initiate the new stadium with JV and varsity football games against the Galt High School Warriors.

- **WHAT:** Ribbon-cutting and pre-game pep rally for Kennedy's new stadium
- **WHEN:** 3:30 p.m. on Friday, September 5
- **WHERE:** John F. Kennedy School, 6715 Gloria Drive., Sacramento, CA 95831

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