



Lytton Rancheria of California and Windsor Unified School District Partner to Build New Preschool in Windsor

*\$5 Million Gift Among the Most Significant Private Contributions to
K-12 Public Education in California*

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WINDSOR, CA – The Lytton Rancheria of California and Windsor Unified School District (WUSD) today announced a historic partnership to bring a much-needed preschool to Windsor. The Tribe is the major contributor to help complete construction of the new Margie Mejia Preschool at Mattie Washburn Elementary School.

Identified by the State of California as underserved in preschool access, the Windsor Unified School District secured California State Preschool Grant to expand early learning. With total construction costs for the preschool reaching \$10 million, the California State Preschool Grant was not nearly enough to cover the construction costs. The Lytton Rancheria of California's gift has bridged that gap, allowing construction to move forward, with the preschool expected to open in late 2025 or early 2026.

"My mother, Margie Mejia, the former Chairperson of the Lytton Rancheria of California, devoted her life to building opportunity and creating a better future for children and families," said Andy Mejia, Chairperson of the Lytton Rancheria of California. "She was a champion of education and believed deeply that every child should have access to the foundation that quality early learning provides. Naming this preschool in her honor ensures that her legacy of service and commitment to young people will live on for generations."

WUSD Superintendent Jeremy Decker said the partnership will transform access to early education in Windsor. "The Margie Mejia Preschool at Mattie Washburn Elementary will allow us to serve many more Windsor families with high-quality early education in a state-of-the-art facility," Decker said. "This extraordinary gift is among the most significant private contributions to K-12 public education in California, and we are proud that this school will carry the name of a leader who dedicated her life to expanding opportunity for children."

The Margie Mejia Preschool will include modern classrooms, safe play areas, and facilities designed specifically for preschool learners. It will help Windsor meet the state's goal of expanding universal pre-kindergarten access by 2025.

Construction is already well underway, with the school expected to open in late 2025 or early 2026.

Enrollment is now open for the Margie Mejia Preschool at Mattie Washburn Elementary School. Families can begin the process by completing the online enrollment form through Redeker. For more information or assistance, please contact the preschool office at **707-837-7705**, or visit the WUSD Preschool webpage.

About the Partners

***Lytton Rancheria** is a federally recognized tribe of Pomo Indians in Sonoma County, California. Deeply committed to cultural preservation, economic self-sufficiency, and community investment, the Tribe supports education as a cornerstone of sovereignty and future prosperity.*

***Windsor Unified School District** serves more than 4,000 students across a diverse community. WUSD is dedicated to academic excellence, equity, and preparing students to thrive in a rapidly changing world.*

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