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## **Buckeye Elementary District Holds Groundbreaking for Newest Campus**

*Marionneaux Elementary will join BESD's six K-8 campuses for the 2017-18 school year*

Buckeye, Az. – September 28, 2016 – BESD proudly hails the groundbreaking of its newest campus, Marionneaux Elementary on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. located at Roeser Road and 238<sup>th</sup> Lane. The public is invited to attend the ceremony that will include a welcome and remarks by BESD Superintendent Dr. Kristi Sandvik, Buckeye Mayor, Jackie Meck, Contractor, CORE Construction and Hunt and Caraway Architects. Nick Forgette, the new Marionneaux principal will be on hand to speak and answer questions.

The state of the art 15 acre campus will house 950 – 1000 students to accommodate district growth and is a K-8 school comprised of an administration building with Kindergarten through grades 5; middle school building for grades 6, 7 and 8, STEM lab (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics); and a multipurpose building which includes a gym, cafeteria, music arts, library, computer lab, and art room. Additionally, the campus will have softball, baseball, soccer, outdoor basketball and play fields, and is a technology-rich learning environment that will provide collaborative large and small group and individual learning programs to support problem solving, critical thinking and current educational standards.

According to Dr. Kristi Sandvik, BESD Superintendent, “We are extremely grateful to our voters for the passage of the 2015 bond election that will pay for this amazing campus. We are committed to fiscal transparency and will be keeping the community up to date on the progress and the expenditures to bring our seventh school campus to life on our [website](#) and through district newsletters. Every students deserves to have a high quality education and that is what we are committed to in BESD.”

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