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Willow Glen High Rams will Turn on the Power!

SAN JOSE, CA- Friday, September 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. the WGHS Rams will be the second in a series of San Jose Unified's High Schools turning on the power on their long awaited stadium lights. Willow Glen High School, 2001 Cottle Ave., San Jose, 95125, is the second school of the season to flick the switch on their new stadium lights, as they prepare to host Del Mar High School.

Last year, the San Jose Unified Board of Education, district administrative team and sites worked with their communities to ensure enthusiasm and support for the positive school and community climate that can result from Friday Night Lights! The challenges of traffic flow, litter, noise and the overflow of lights were discussed in more than 17 district-wide meetings. The final result was a unanimous board vote supporting the installation of the lights and sound systems at Leland, Pioneer, Gunderson, Willow Glen High School and Lincoln High, with a checks and balances process holding the schools accountable to the promises made to the communities.

San Jose Unified's Board of Education president and Willow Glen resident, Pam Foley, commented, *"Football and night games are a perfect combination. This is a great way to continue to build community. Let's invite the neighbors for a tailgate party and to join us in cheering on our team. WGHS has planned a long time to host night games. We are prepared and the team is ready to go. I know what I'll be doing on Friday night. "*

Stadium lights have been installed at all of San Jose Unified High Schools, with San Jose High Academy being the first to play under the lights in 2007. Schools will be allowed 10 night events, 5 of those can be football games. Lights are to be off at 10:00 p.m.

Funding for the stadium lights are from Measure F bond funds.

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