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First Urban Public Middle School in US to Install Golf Driving Range

WHAT Visitacion Valley Middle School will be breaking ground for a golf driving range.

WHEN Tuesday, June 23/ 3:30 pm

WHERE Visitacion Valley MS
450 Raymond St.

WHO Mayor Gavin Newsom
Tom Clark, PGA Tour representative and CEO of 2009 President's Cup
Carlos Garcia, Superintendent SFUSD
James Dierke, Visitacion Valley MS principal
Frank "Sandy" Tatum, Chairman, The First Tee of San Francisco
Sophie Maxwell, Supervisor, San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

WHY This will be the first of its kind driving range, chipping and putting green area to be on the grounds of an urban school yard. The facility will be open to all neighborhood students and their families.

The First Tee of San Francisco (www.thefirstteesanfrancisco.org), based at Harding Golf Course, teaches golf in partnership with SFUSD PE teachers at elementary and middle schools in the Visitacion Valley and Bayview neighborhoods. As children progress, different life skills are emphasized: Par level reflects self-management and patience; birdie teaches goal setting and perseverance; and eagle provides preparedness for college, career, conflict resolution, and resistance skills.

**AUDIO/
VISUAL:** Mayor Newsom hitting the first drive with students from the program and hard hat photo of partner representatives in front of driving cage.

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