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## **Millennium High School Celebrates Purple Star Designation**

Millennium High School, a part of the Agua Fria High School District, has achieved a significant milestone by becoming one of Arizona's first Purple Star Schools. The Purple Star School program focuses on creating welcoming and supportive communities for military families. A ceremony for this designation was held at Millennium High School on November 20th in partnership with Luke Airforce Base. The event showcased performances by the Agua Fria JROTC, the singing of the National Anthem by MHS Choir student Sylvia Estrada, and a unifying recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, emphasizing the school's commitment to honoring the nation's armed forces.

A special welcome was extended to honored guests from Luke Air Force Base, including Brigadier General Jason Rueschoff and his spouse, Mrs. Melissa Rueschoff, who delivered impactful speeches at the ceremony.

During an exclusive interview, Brigadier General Jason Rueschoff, 56 FW Commander, expressed his enthusiasm regarding Millennium High School's achievement of becoming a Purple Star School, stating, "Being a Purple Star School candidate is a huge milestone for community support and engagement between the base and the community. We're fortunate to have Millennium and the Agua Fria School District as great partners."

After expressing deep gratitude to the school and community for their invaluable support, contributors and students took the stage as the moment arrived to cut the ribbon, signifying the start of Millennium High School's momentous path as a Purple Star School.

For more information on this program and resources for military families with students, visit [aguafria.org/purple-starschool](http://aguafria.org/purple-starschool).

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*Agua Fria Union High School District was established in 1955. Today, the district serves the communities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Waddell and part of Glendale with its six high schools: Agua Fria, Canyon View, Desert Edge, Millennium, Verrado and Agua Fria Online. Plus the District offers two alternative programs: Coldwater Academy and New Directions. More information can be found at [aguafria.org](http://aguafria.org)*