Investing in Athletics

Board of Education investment boosts high school athletic facilities
The FUSD Board of Education approved nearly $14 million worth of high school athletic facility upgrade projects in the spring of 2008 to address the immediate and most pressing needs of high schools throughout the district. The district’s Facilities Ad hoc Advisory Committee (FACC) gathered input from schools on their greatest needs and the following projects were completed:

- Bullard High School – all-weather track with lights and competition pool
- Edison High School – lights and seating around track
- Fresno High School – competition swimming pool and all-weather track
- Hoover High School – weight room/fitness center and all-weather track
- Roosevelt High School – lighting for track
- Sunnyside High School – resurfacing of track

Balanced investment throughout all schools
Each FUSD high school receives $306,000 for their athletic and activities programs from the district’s budget, which represents a more than $2.1 million investment. This includes the cost of officials and security, protective gear, transportation, and extra pay contracts for positions that support the athletic and activities programs.

Athletic program growing throughout all grades
Significant work has been done to expand athletic programs for Fresno Unified students, particularly in the elementary and middle school grades. Only 24 elementary schools had athletic programs just four years ago – now all 64 elementary schools have athletic opportunities for students. In addition, all 7-8 middle schools have athletic programs.

At-a-Glance
- FUSD schools have won 24 section titles since 2005
- Nearly $14 million investment in high school facility upgrades
- Athletic program growing throughout all grades
- Fresno Unified first in the Valley to offer high school girls lacrosse
- Sportsmanship recognition program implemented in elementary and middle schools
- FUSD offers 24 varsity programs
  - Boys and Girls Water Polo
  - Boys and Girls Cross Country
  - Boys and Girls Volleyball
  - Boys and Girls Tennis
  - Boys and Girls Golf
  - Football
  - Boys and Girls Basketball
  - Wrestling
  - Boys and Girls Soccer
  - Baseball
  - Softball
  - Boys and Girls Track
  - Boys and Girls Swimming
  - Girls Lacrosse
  - Girls Badminton