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MEDIA RELEASE

Fresno Unified Receives $4.6 Million Grant for Teacher Residency Program

Fresno Unified has been awarded an additional $4,654,080 grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Teacher Quality Partnership. The grant will go towards supporting the Fresno Teacher Residency program in partnership with Fresno Pacific University. The residency program began in 2014 to recruit, select, and train highly effective teachers to address the specific needs of Fresno Unified. The program emphasizes science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education. The new grant is for five years. Fresno Unified is one of 17 recipients nationwide and scored the fifth highest in its application.

The Fresno Teacher Residency program serves 150 teachers, with 65% coming from underrepresented groups. Residents are assigned mentors and benefit from a variety of supports.

Fresno Unified’s original Teacher Quality Partnership grant in 2014 was for $7,795,066 in partnership with California State University, Fresno.

“This grant allows us to continue the groundbreaking work we are doing in recruiting and training the very best teachers for our students,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

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