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MEDIA RELEASE

Minnesota Educators Visit District's First of its Kind Hmong Language Pathway Programs as Model

A group of Minnesota educators visited the district's exemplary Hmong dual language immersion programs to gain insight on how to replicate the programs. Fresno Unified designed the programs' entire curriculum with the goal of preserving the Hmong language and culture.

The district is the first in the country to design a Hmong program with alignment across elementary, middle and high school and in addition has partnered with Fresno State on a Hmong minor. Because of the district's significant investments in the program, Fresno Unified's Hmong dual language immersion pathway is a model for school districts nationwide.

The Minnesota educators' tour of Hmong language programs included Balderas and Vang Pao elementary schools as well as Hmong Heritage classes at Bullard, Duncan Polytechnical, Edison, Hoover, McLane, Roosevelt, and Sunnyside high schools.

"We are extremely proud of the Hmong language programs that our own staff has developed, and excited to share our unique curriculum with other educators," said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

[Link to Video of Visit](#)

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:01 Doua Vu - Manager, English Learners Services – Fresno Unified School District

:15 Khou Vang - Hmong Program Director, New Millennium Academy

:37 Jennifer Lor – 11th grade – Hoover High School

Interviews available with Deputy Superintendent Misty Her and Doua Vu, manager of English Learner Services. Contact Diana Diaz to schedule.

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