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MEDIA RELEASE

Fresno Unified to be Recognized with Injury Prevention Award

What: Friend of Safe Kids Award recognition for Fresno Unified from Valley Children’s Hospital

When: Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023
2 p.m.

Where: Sunnyside High School – in front of the campus
1019 S. Peach Ave. (93727)

Fresno Unified is being recognized by Safe Kids Central California, led by Valley Children’s Hospital, for its work to prevent injuries through awareness and training. The district’s efforts have included:

- Trauma training for high school students, such as Stop the Bleed
- Educating students and parents on pedestrian and car safety, including intoxicated driving
- Presentations on safety to Parent University
- Car seat checkup events held on FUSD campuses

Speakers will include Superintendent Bob Nelson, members of the Fresno Unified Board of Education, a Valley Children’s nurse, career technical education (CTE) staff and CTE student ambassadors for Sunnyside High’s health pathway. The Friend of Safe Kids Award is given annually.
“It is an honor to be recognized by the Safe Kids coalition and Valley Children’s for our work to keep our students safe and to teach them lifelong practices that will keep them and those around them safe,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

"Efforts by the community are instrumental in helping keep children safe,” said Dr. Shannon Castle, trauma medical director at Valley Children's Healthcare. “Our injury prevention events do not happen without partnerships like we have with Fresno Unified School District. For years, their enthusiasm in providing venues for events and training students to teach others has allowed safety training to stretch throughout and beyond the district."

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