MEDIA RELEASE

District Partners with Local Company and City to Boost Internet Availability and Speeds to Schools and Families

What: District announces completion of a leased underground fiber project to improve internet service for schools and families, especially in southwest Fresno

When: Monday, May 1, 2023
   1:00 p.m.

Where: Computech Middle School
       555 E. Belgravia Ave. (93706)

Fresno Unified will announce details of a leased fiber project that has vastly improved internet service capacity and speeds to schools and neighborhoods, especially in the southern portion of Fresno. In partnership with the City of Fresno and local communications company CVIN, 110 miles of new fiber were installed underground in Fresno, better connecting all schools to the internet. Since fall 2019, before the first phase of the project started, the network at elementary campuses is now 100 times faster, 20 times faster at middle schools, and 40 times faster at high schools.
Speakers will include Superintendent Bob Nelson, members of the Fresno Unified Board of Education, City of Fresno Deputy Mayor Matthew Grundy, Fresno Housing Chief Executive Officer Tyrone Williams and more.

“The southern part of Fresno has been a fiber desert, affecting internet access and speed at our schools and neighborhoods. I am beyond thrilled that our district has been at the forefront in battling the technology divide in our community,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

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