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MEDIA ADVISORY

Fresno County Sheriff Visits Herndon-Barstow Preschool to Show Support for High Quality Preschool

Fresno County Sheriff, Margaret Mims will tour a preschool classroom at Herndon-Barstow Elementary, a state-funded preschool in the Central Unified School District on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Sheriff Mims will also:

- Read to preschoolers
- Discuss the mission of Fight Crime Invest in Kids California
- Discuss the benefits of high-quality preschool programs
- Address the importance of building a qualified 21st Century workforce

Visual: Sheriff Mims tours preschool classroom and reads to preschoolers. Preschoolers, principal and teacher available for B-roll during classroom activities. Interviews permitted.

Where: Herndon-Barstow Elementary
6265 N. Grantland
Fresno, CA 93722

When: **Monday, February 1, 2010** (Note: Media should check in at school's front office. Participants will be available for *brief* interviews from 9:35 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)

Media Availability: Sheriff Margaret Mims
Larry L. Powell, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Mike Berg, Superintendent, Central Unified School District
Michele Cantwell-Copher, Educational Services Administrator
Kendra Rogers, First 5 Fresno County

The Fresno County Office of Education in conjunction with 100 community Stakeholders has developed a comprehensive seven-year Preschool Master Plan that outlines the vision for preschool access to all four year-olds in Fresno County. The plan and supporting information may be retrieved from www.fresnopreschool.org.