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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Fresno City College Child Development Center will be honored at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Bell Awards program of the California Schools Boards Association. The award was won in the Early Childhood Education category and recognizes the Center's success in providing high-quality early childhood education and is a P-18 model throughout the state.

According to Dr. Michele Copher, Administrator, Educational Services for Fresno County Office of Education, "We were proud to nominate the outstanding early education program provided through the Fresno City College Child Development Center. Serving the dual purpose of providing high-quality early learning experiences to our young children as well as offering an excellent college-level training to adult students pursuing a career in child development, the Center is a respected partner of the Voluntary Preschool Master Plan for Fresno County."

The Golden Bell Awards will be presented at a special ceremony during CSBA's Awards Luncheon at the Marriott Hotel in San Diego on Saturday December 5, 2009. The event is held in conjunction with the California School Boards Association's Annual Education Conference.

The CSBA Golden Bell Awards program promotes excellence by recognizing outstanding programs in school districts and county offices of education throughout California. The Golden Bell Awards reflect the depth and breadth of the education programs necessary to address students' changing needs. The goal of this awards program is to contribute to the development and evaluation of curriculum, instruction and support services.

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