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### **FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT** ***A Well-Earned Summer Break***

**(Fullerton, CA)** – Fullerton School District serves students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is pleased to annually administer AP exams for our junior high school students. Since the 2016-17 school year, Fullerton School District has had junior high school students take AP exams. In the first year, 70 students took the AP Computer Science exam with four students scoring high enough to pass the exam and earn college credit. This year, 71 students took AP exams in Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A, and English Language and Composition. Although the students will not be notified of their scores until after the school year has ended and they are on summer break, they should be proud regardless of the results. Completion of AP courses and taking the AP exam is traditionally done in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades, but FSD students are offered the opportunity beginning in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

FSD is proud of the students who have been learning and studying at an accelerated level in preparation for the AP exams and regardless of the scores, the students have participated in a process that prepares them for future AP level classes and exams in high school and college and university level academic work. AP classes are currently offered at Fisler K-8 School and Nicolas and Parks Junior High Schools in the following subjects: AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A, and AP English Language and Composition. “We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and the guidance provided by our instructional leaders. At a typical high school, the average pass rate of students who have completed a Computer Science course and take the AP Exam is 10-15%. The pass rate of our junior high school students rivals the rate of high school students,” shared Dr. Robert Pletka, Superintendent.

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 13,500 students in grades TK – 8<sup>th</sup>. The Fullerton School District includes 20 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8<sup>th</sup> grade schools, and three middle schools. The mission of the

Fullerton School District is to work collaboratively with the community to provide an innovative, high-quality educational program for all students in a safe learning environment. The District motto, “*Great Schools - Successful Kids*” exemplifies the belief that all students will achieve academic excellence, acquire interpersonal skills, and develop technological expertise to contribute as productive citizens in a democratic society. For more information, call 714/447-7400 or visit [www.fullertonsd.org](http://www.fullertonsd.org).

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