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Inaugural Tech Fair Highlights Lynwood Unified's Commitment to Digital Education

Lynwood, Calif. – Lynwood Unified's Inaugural Tech Fair was much more than your average school fair. The Dec. 16 event, held at Firebaugh High School, offered students, parents and community members a chance to meet District tech partners, engage in Tech Learning Labs, while recognizing students for participation in last week's Hour of Code.

The event, which illustrates the District's ongoing commitment to digital and technological education, featured exhibitors and breakout session leaders – including Microsoft, Aeries, Acer, Airwolf 3D, Intel, Naviance, Shmoop, among others – and invited parents and students to learn more about the digital tools and products used in District classrooms.

Attendees were able to learn, ask questions and sign up for online programs and resources that connect parents and students to instruction and information directly from the classroom. LUSD's own cutting-edge Career Technical Education Pathways also provided students and parents information about courses and real-world experience opportunities.

"The future of technology promises careers and competitive, high-paying careers – and we are committed to ensuring our students have access to the experiences and tools required for those jobs," LUSD Superintendent Paul Gothold said. "We are also dedicated to enhancing our communication with parents and family members, many of whom are still making the technological shift. This event, in conjunction Districtwide digital upgrades, illustrates our commitment to reaching all our students and families."

The Tech Fair also marked the culmination of Computer Science Education Week, an international education campaign held from Dec. 7-13 that encouraged students from around the world to participate in the Hour of Code, a one-hour introduction to computer science designed to demystify code and show that anyone can learn the basics.

"Computer science promotes teamwork and critical thinking, as students must continually work together and fine tune their ability to solve problems in the digital realm," LUSD Board President Alma-Delia Renteria said. "Beyond those essential skills, digital education is the wave of the future. We are committed to

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providing our students with the schooling that will keep them competitive and ready for life beyond our classrooms.”

Local food truck vendors – Street Kitchen, Belly Bombz, Slammin Sliders, Dogtown Dogs and Palazzolo’s Sorbet and Gelato – provided attendees with hot dogs and chicken wings, with some of the proceeds going toward District education programs as part of its Food Truck Fundraiser.

Photo Captions

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- ★ People of great character who inspire and lead by example
- ★ The instilling of courage to be creative
- ★ The transformative uses of technology
- ★ Safe and clean environments
- ★ The honoring of all voices of our community