DATE: AUGUST 17, 2011
TO: EVERYONE
FROM: MR. ANDREW CHERRY, DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES
RE: PRESS RELEASE – TUSD MOVES TO GOOGLE APPS FOR EDUCATION AND GMAIL

The Templeton Unified School District’s School Support Services Department announced today plans to deploy Google Apps education edition™ - Google’s set of hosted and customizable communications solutions as part of the district’s core IT service offerings.

As a result, staff will have access to tools including email, shared calendars, instant messaging and word processing all at their new @templetonusd.org address. While all staff will still temporarily receive email from @tusdnet.net email address, as of August 29 all staff’s primary email address will be their previous username with the domain of @templetonusd.org.

   e.g.: acherry@tusdnet.net will now be acherry@templetonusd.org

Google Apps education edition allows schools and universities to give Google’s communication and collaboration applications to their entire campus community for free. All services are hosted by Google and are available to users via any internet-connected computer and many mobile devices. Google Apps includes the following services and more:

   • Gmail™ - provides gigabytes of email storage, highly effective spam filtering and powerful search capabilities;
   • Google Calendar™ - allows easy coordination of work or class schedules, meetings and events online;
   • Google Docs™ - allows users to create and collaborate on documents and spreadsheets in real-time

We see this as a move that will produce cost savings to the district, but more importantly a move that will yield educational benefits for TUSD students as the implementation grows.

As with any change of this magnitude, please be patient as we dial the system in over the next few months.