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PRESS RELEASE

– Fontana Unified's Southridge Middle School has been selected as a 2018 Microsoft Showcase School for its commitment to providing students with a 21st-century education that builds problem-solving, creativity and problem-solving as they learn advanced computer concepts.

“My favorite application is OneNote. It’s very organized,” Southridge eighth-grader Jose Morales said. “I can keep track of my work and it’s so much easier to do my assignments on here, because I can log in my name and see all of my assignments. It’s very easy.”

Southridge ELA teacher Lauren Freeman is pleased by how Microsoft programs make her curriculum more accessible to the different types of learners in her classroom. Tools like Dictate and Immersive Reader have helped her students who are struggling to keep pace with their assignments.

“Using Office 365 has transformed my teaching; it allows me to look at my student’s work as they are completing it,” Freeman said. “Classroom Notebook is a game-changer, because my students can keep all their papers in one spot. My students begin the class not knowing how to use a computer. However, by the time they leave, they are digital learners, they know how to collaborate.”

In addition to becoming a Microsoft Showcase School, four Southridge teachers—Christopher Fisher, Stacie O’Neil, Elsbeth Seymour, and Lauren Freeman—became MIE Experts, allowing them to share their ideas for using technology.

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