District will Provide Tablets to all Students for Home Learning

Over the next three years, Fresno Unified will provide all of its students with tablets to use at home to make sure they have the educational resources and tools they need outside the classroom.

This will be the district’s largest distribution of tablets for home use ever, with 24,000 assigned per year for three years through the eLearning Companion Device Initiative, known as LCD.

Many districts provide a laptop or tablet for students to take home, but they are responsible for bringing the device to school every day to use in class.

“To our knowledge, we are the first district with a ‘companion device’ approach that keeps the student computers in the classroom so they can be charged up and ready to use every day, and provides a tablet for the student to use at home or outside of school hours,” said Kurt Madden, chief technology officer for Fresno Unified.

“We believe that students need access to educational resources and learning beyond the classroom in order to be prepared for the challenges of college and the careers of the future.”

The district launched a pilot for the LCD initiative in May, providing hundreds of randomly selected

See LCD INITIATIVE
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District Installs Cost-Saving Solar Panels at High Schools

The district launched solar energy projects over the summer that are expected to save the district approximately $28 million over 20 years.

Solar panels on parking lot shade structures were installed over the summer at Bullard, Edison, Fresno, Hoover, McLane, Roosevelt and Sunnyside high schools, as well as the Brawley Service Center.

The solar installation includes battery storage units to save solar energy for use during peak demand times. The parking structures feature LED lighting and include electric vehicle charging stations.

“The installation of solar panels at our high schools will bring about significant savings for our district over the years to come,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

The contract also provides lesson plans that emphasize Next Generation Science Standards and relevant curriculum that challenges students to research, design, and present renewable energy proposals to their peers.

The Fresno Unified Board of Education approved the solar contract at its Dec. 13 meeting. The School Project for Utility Rate Reduction (SPURR) led a competitive bid process through its Renewable Energy Aggregated Purchasing (REAP) program to select a photovoltaic solar provider as a piggyback contract and the district elected to use SPURR’s master agreement with ForeFront Power. SPURR is a joint powers authority of more than 200 school districts, community colleges and county education offices.

Earlier this summer, solar panel installation was underway at McLane High School. By the start of the new school year Aug. 13, solar panel installation on parking lot shade structures should be complete at Bullard, Edison, Fresno, Hoover, McLane, Roosevelt and Sunnyside high schools, as well as the Brawley Service Center.
Back to School Tips for Parents for Smoother Start to New Year

Schools will welcome students back on Aug. 13 for the 2018-19 school year. Get prepared with some back-to-school tips for parents. Getting a great start to the school year helps students be less anxious to be back in class.

- **Meet the teacher and tour the school**: Take advantage of back-to-school nights at elementary schools and meet your student’s teacher and the school staff. This helps students be less nervous for the new school year and allows parents to make a connection with the teacher.

- **Getting to school**: Work on a back-up plan to get students to school if work or car trouble gets in the way. Talk to relatives, neighbors or friends.

- **Homework area**: Figure out a quiet designated homework space.

- **Backpack check**: Take stock of school supplies and make sure your student has a backpack. Some teachers provide a list of school supplies students should have.

- **School calendar**: Go online to fresnounified.org under “Schools” and print out the academic year calendar for Fresno Unified. (Or see page 14.)

- **Ease into the routine**: Have students start going to bed earlier and getting up earlier in preparation for their school routine. Re-establish school routines early to avoid first-day-of-school chaos.

- **Be on time**: Talk about what time you need to leave the house so that your student is never late.

- **What to wear**: Go through last year’s clothes, give away outgrown items, and assess what is needed for the new school year. Get your student in the routine of laying out their clothes the night before.

**Consejos De Regreso a la Escuela Para Padres**

Las escuelas darán la bienvenida a los estudiantes el 13 de agosto para el año escolar 2018-2019. Prepárese con algunos consejos de regreso a la escuela para los padres. Obteniendo un gran comienzo de año escolar ayuda a los estudiantes estar menos ansiosos acerca del nuevo año escolar.

**Llegada a la escuela**: Generen un plan de respaldo para llevar a los estudiantes a la escuela si horarios de trabajo o problemas de coche se interponen en el camino. Hable con familiares, vecinos o amigos.

**Área de tarea**: Averigüen un espacio tranquilo reservado para la tarea.

**Revisar la mochila**: Haga un inventario de los materiales escolares y asegúrese de que su estudiante tenga una mochila. Algunos maestros(as) proveyen una lista de materiales escolares que los estudiantes deben tener.

**Calendario escolar**: Vaya en línea a fresnounified.org bajo “Escuelas” e imprima el calendario del año académico del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Fresno.

**Facilité la rutina**: Haga que los estudiantes comiencen a acostarse temprano y levantarse temprano en preparación para su rutina escolar. Restablezca rutinas escolares temprano para evitar el caos del primer día de escuela.

**Llegue a tiempo**: Hable acerca del horario que necesita para salir de casa para que su estudiante nunca llegue tarde.

**Qué ponerse**: Revise la ropa del año pasado, regale artículos que ya no encajan, y evalúen lo que se necesita para el nuevo año escolar. Que su estudiante tenga la rutina de preparar su ropa la noche anterior.

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Parents Encouraged to Provide Emails to Receive Important District Communications

Starting in August, parents are encouraged to update their contact information at their child’s school by logging into the ATLAS parent portal and entering their current cell phone and email address information. Fresno Unified is working to obtain all parent and guardian emails as another tool to effectively communicate with families.

“Adding an email in the parent portal will give parents more tools to help them manage each of their students’ information,” said Chief Technology Officer Kurt Madden. By entering their email address into the ATLAS parent portal, parents and guardians will be able to manage texts, phone calls and emails from the district. This includes EduText and Rapid Alert. Parents will be able to create their own individual account, instead of having just a general “Contact” account.

“We’re really encouraging parents to take this step in August so we can better communicate with them. It’s an easy process -- just log into the ATLAS parent portal, enter your name, relationship and email address,” said Madden.

Parents will also fill out a paper version with their contact information, as in previous years, but to receive emails from the district, parents must add their email by logging into the ATLAS parent portal.
SUPERINTENDENT’S Message

Staff Prepared District for a Great Start to the New School Year

With the 2018-19 school year about to get underway, I want to welcome our families back to Fresno Unified. I hope this is a productive and fun year for all our students, and that parents and guardians connect early with their students’ teachers and schools. I also want to welcome staff back after what I hope has been a restful and rejuvenating break. I’d be remiss if I didn’t take a moment to focus on the members of our team who worked diligently over the summer to ensure a smooth start to the school year.

I’d like to start by thanking all of our facilities staff. Construction, maintenance, grounds keeping and the cleaning of over 100 sites is a never-ending job, and staff redoubles this effort over our summer vacation to ensure our students and staff start the year with facilities we can be proud of. In addition to their regular duties, our facilities team entered into our second year of partnership with the Fresno parks and recreation department to keep our pools open over the summer. We had six high school pools open and maintained this summer to provide safe, supervised, low-cost swimming opportunities for our students, their families, and the community.

This summer also marked another successful year of combating food insecurity with Fresno Unified Food Services providing over 200,000 meals at more than 50 locations throughout Fresno. Fresno Unified continues its focus on the whole child and doing whatever we can to ensure their health and safety both in and out of the classroom. The research is clear: Students who suffer from stress and insecurity outside the classroom bring those issues through the school doors with them every morning, and it impacts their ability to learn. Being able to provide free healthy meals throughout the summer benefits all of us.

With this in mind, one of the items that I want to highlight from the 2018-19 budget adoption is the district’s continuing commitment to student social-emotional and behavioral health. Our board has made an ongoing investment of over $4.5 million per year on a multi-tiered system of supports. These funds will provide for 45 additional staff members, as well as social-emotional, academic, and behavioral support.

Message from Keith Bergthold, Executive Director of Fresno Metro Ministry

Fresno Unified School District Helps Combat Food Waste by Donating Leftover Meals

It’s hard to believe that Fresno, located in one of the planet’s richest food producing regions, has the fifth worst food hardship ranking in the United States as reported by the Food Research & Action Center. But it’s true. Food hardship and concentrated poverty go hand in hand in Fresno. Many high poverty families with children simply do not have adequate financial resources to purchase enough food each month – especially healthy food.

According to a 2016-17 Children Now report, about 40% of Fresno County children live in poverty, more than anywhere else in California. Children are tragically overrepresented in our food hardship ranking. This is especially troubling because our region’s present and future health and well-being depends on the cognitive development and physical health of our children.

At Fresno Metro Ministry, we are committed to developing healthy food stewardship partnerships to promote our vision of “Healthy People and Healthy Places.” We decided the first step in dealing with food hardship is to intentionally NOT waste healthy food that can be rescued and redistributed to families and individuals in need.

What should we do? How do we better steward our healthy food resources to address the negative health, economic and environmental consequences of high food hardship?

In response, Metro created a new program -- Food to Share -- to link an existing network of local churches, community-based organizations, and senior centers already serving disadvantaged neighborhoods and increase their capacity to feed those in need with healthy food rescued from farmers, retail outlets, and schools. In the last 18 months, we have recovered and distributed over 1 million pounds from over 50 partner donors and distributed this wonderful gift of food through 43 receiver organizations helping to feed over 10,000 people.

Our biggest partner in addition to the Community Food Bank is Fresno Unified School District. Fresno Unified is truly a food stewardship partner. In the last 14 months, we have recovered and redistributed over 295,000 pounds of healthy food from just 13 schools, and now we are collaborating with the district to begin to recover food from all 94 schools with food service. We are on our way to reducing food hardship, and hope you will join us in our efforts (www.foodtoshare.org).
Back to School: Students and Staff Return to Upgraded Campuses

Students and staff at many schools across the district will return Aug. 13 to freshly painted buildings, better technology, more safety cameras and a number of other improvements.

The district will complete the painting of 10 elementary schools over the summer: Del Mar, Figarden, Holland, Jackson, Lincoln, Manchester GATE, Pyle, Robinson, Roeding and Sunset. Changes will be even bigger for students at Rata High School.

Rata will reopen for the 2018-19 academic year following an extensive renovation that required moving students temporarily to McLane High School. Rata serves students in grades 9-12 and adults up to 22 with developmental disabilities, many of whom are medically fragile.

The Rata project included remodeling 10 classrooms and two life-skills kitchens; adding two classrooms and two fully-equipped nurse stations; new conference, laundry and support spaces; extending and widening the outdoor walking track; installing new concrete walks for access to the play and exercise apparatus; modifying the bus loading/unloading areas; and improving fencing and gates for access security.

The project is funded by Measure X, the $225 million bond measure passed by the community in 2016. The district is moving forward on a number of Measure X projects, focused in the priority areas of new classrooms; classroom technology; facilities for career technical education; facilities for arts, activities, and athletics; safety and security; and building infrastructure, such as heating and cooling.

Measure X projects underway include:

- Two new career technical education buildings at Duncan Polytechnical High School for students to learn about maintenance and repair of heavy diesel engines and construction skills
- A new pool at Roosevelt High School (see below for more details)
- Installation of 1,400 safety cameras at elementary schools across the district. Cameras are already installed at every middle and high school; this project will expand coverage to all 65 elementary schools. The district is collaborating with the Fresno Police Department on the project.
- New softball and baseball fields for McLane and Roosevelt high schools.

Earlier this summer, construction was underway on renovations at Rata High School. Rata and a number of projects will be completed for the start of the new school year on Aug. 13.

District Dives into Construction of New Pool at Roosevelt High

Construction is underway on a pool at Roosevelt High School to replace the old pool, built in 1951.

The project includes a 35-meter competition pool for swimming, diving, and water polo, as well as a shallow section to accommodate teaching and community use.

The project also includes a team/locker building with coach’s office and concession room, a mechanical building with storage and office space, and bleachers with a shade structure. The architecture echoes the look of the historic Roosevelt campus.

The new pool is expected to be completed in the spring.

The district is in the final design phase for a new pool at McLane High School. When the Roosevelt and McLane pools are complete, the district will have built modern pools for all of its comprehensive high schools.

Evening Registration Available

Fresno Unified will open all of its schools for evening registration on Aug. 7 to accommodate families who have not yet registered new students for the 2018-19 school year.

The evening registration will be held from 4-7 p.m. Many school offices will also be open in the mornings for registration in the days leading up to the first day of school on Aug. 13.

To register a new student, parents/guardians should bring:

- Student’s birth certificate or other proof of age
- Previous transcripts
- Proof of address (such as a rent receipt or utility bill)
- Immunization records indicating current polio, DPT, MMR and tuberculosis skin test; hepatitis B and a second measles are needed for kindergarten and seventh grade; Varicella (chicken pox) is also required for kindergarten and out-of-state entrants grades 1-12

“Getting children registered prior to the first day of school is a great way to eliminate some of the stress and anxiety that goes along with the first day of school,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson. “I hope that families take advantage of the convenient, after-work hours we offer through evening registration.”

If students are interested in transferring outside of their neighborhood school site, they are required to follow the district transfer policy. To learn more about the transfer process visit, www.fresnounified.org.
Fidel Olmos Keeps Connected to School Named for his Brother

About three times a year, Fidel Olmos comes “home” to Olmos Elementary School.

The campus is named for his brother, Mario Olmos, a Fresno County Superior Court judge who was killed in a car accident at age 43 in 1990.

On his two-week visits to Fresno from his home in Houston, Olmos, 68, visits the school every day, mentoring students, going on field trips, visiting classrooms and doing whatever Principal Sherry Tharpe asks of him.

“It’s always something special to go there. It’s had an incredible impact on my life,” Olmos said.

In addition to Olmos’ visits, brothers Tomas and Edward also contribute financially to the school and assist with specific needs.

Fidel Olmos hangs out in the dug out with, from left, Lisamarie Ortiz, Kezia Rosas Molina and Narissa Madrigal during an Olmos Elementary School softball tournament near the end of the last school year. Olmos keeps in close contact with the school, named for his brother, Judge Mario Olmos.

Mario Olmos was the oldest of seven children. He was born in Nogales, Ariz., but returned soon after his birth with his parents to their home in Mexico.

Two years later, the family returned to the United States and eventually made their home in Kingsburg, where all of the Olmos children graduated from Kingsburg High School.

Mario Olmos attended Reedley Junior College and graduated from law school at UC Berkeley. He was appointed to the Superior Court in 1982.

Following 11 years as a social worker, Fidel Olmos worked for 20 years for the Harris County Sheriff’s Office as a 911 dispatcher, supervisor and trainer. He retired in 2006.

Olmos said the family was surprised, humbled and extremely pleased when Fresno Unified selected Mario’s name for a new school planned for southeast Fresno.

Complaints should be filed in writing and signed by the complainant. If a complainant is unable to put their complaint in writing, for example, due to conditions such as a disability or illiteracy, district staff shall assist them in the filing of the complaint.

The Governing Board designates the following complaint officer(s) to receive formal and informal complaints from constituents, including students, and investigate them to ensure district compliance with law (Title II, V, IX, Title I, Section 544 of the Rehabilitation Act):

See OLMOS MENTORING Continued on page 13
Goal 2 Secretary is at the Heart of the Team's Work to Engage Students

Leticia deSantiago is the administrative secretary for the Goal 2 Office, which coordinates student participation in the board-adopted Goal 2: All students will engage in arts, activities, and athletics. She has worked for the district since 2008 and with School Leadership since May 2015. She was an Excellence in Education finalist in February. Assistant Superintendent Holland Locker, who oversees Goal 2, said deSantiago is the most valuable member of the team: “She takes on challenges without hesitation, gathers resources, learns new skills and passes the learning on to others so the team can succeed.”

What is the best part of your job? The best part of my job is sending our transitional kindergarten through sixth grade students on enrichment trips. To hear the positive feedback from parents, teachers, and students makes it worthwhile.

What is your biggest challenge in your job? The biggest challenge and the most fun is juggling all of the activities and events that Goal 2 oversees. Our department is always busy creating meaningful and engaging activities/events for our students – graduation, transition activities (seventh through ninth grades), enrichment trips, athletic events and visual and performing arts.

What does your job entail as the Goal 2 administrative secretary? I am the support person for all of the amazing activities and events that our team implements. I assist in the coordination of all of our extra/co-curricular activities.

What is your role in helping students be successful? My role is to support my colleagues/team in their work of engaging students to be active participants in Fresno Unified. We all agree that our students are more successful in school and feel like they belong when they are active participants in an activity, whether it be sports, music/arts, leadership.

What is the connection between Goal 2 – arts, athletics and activities – and academics? I have always felt that students do better in school when they are engaged in physical or mental activities. Both of my children are Fresno Unified graduates and were involved in several school activities, such as water polo, baseball, chess, swimming, etc.

Name one thing most people don’t know about you. That I am very shy. I struggle with speaking in front of a large crowd, and I really dislike to have my photo taken.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I really enjoy reading, and not on a Kindle. I have several favorite authors, including Michael Connelly, David Baldacci and Anya Seton. I also enjoy listening to Jon Miller (broadcaster for the San Francisco Giants) on the radio.

What is your dream vacation? I haven’t really thought about it. I do enjoy being at home with my family, books, and plants.

Leticia deSantiago is the secretary for the team that oversees Goal 2, the board-adopted goal to engage all students in arts, activities and athletics.
This program has shaped me personally just as much as it has professionally. I felt like all my instructors had only my best intentions in mind and were very supportive and helpful.”

— Whitney Turner, Special Education

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<td>Burroughs Elementary School</td>
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<td>Principal at Kratt Elementary School</td>
<td>To equip them academically and socially so that they have choices in their futures. I want them to be able to choose a career or higher education and to be able to choose a positive path in life, not do something because they felt they had no other choice.</td>
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<td>The No. 1 goal that I have for my students is that they are happy, successful people who make a positive difference in the world.</td>
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<td>Kacey Sanom</td>
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<td>Vice principal at Bullard TALENT K-8 School</td>
<td>Increase student achievement in academics and character development.</td>
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Armen Torigian  
Years with the district: 14  
Previous assignment: Vice principal at Bullard High School  
No. 1 goal for students: “That they know that at Robinson, they are safe and loved by many adults who care about their future. It’s much easier to learn from adults you have a positive relationship with.”  
Favorite movie: “Internship” (anything with Vince Vaughn)

Kelley Auston  
Years with the district: 28  
Previous assignment: Principal at Wilson Elementary School  
No. 1 goal for students: “To provide an educational environment that accepts all students, provides opportunities for students to experience success and builds confidence in themselves, and provide an education that challenges their thinking.”  
Favorite movie: “Drop Dead Gorgeous” (It’s a silly movie I watch with my daughter every time she comes home.)

Kelley Klassen  
Years with the district: 10  
Previous assignment: Vice principal at Wilson Elementary School  
No. 1 goal for students: “My No. 1 goal is for students to know that they are loved, cared for, and given what they need to thrive.”  
Favorite movie: “Troop Beverly Hills”

Jennifer Her-Yang  
Years with the district: 22  
Previous assignment: Vice principal at Lowell Elementary School  
No. 1 goal for students: “It is important for my students to know they are our future; with necessary support and tools, they will rise to the challenge of being college and career ready graduates.”  
Favorite movie: “The Good Dinosaur”

Brad Berrett  
Years with the district: 9  
Previous assignment: Vice principal at Edison High School  
No. 1 goal for students: “For students to feel a sense of belonging and genuine achievement as we prepare them for college, careers, and life.”  
Favorite Movie: “Forever Strong”

Jennifer Carr  
Years with district: 13  
Previous position: Administrator/Secondary Curriculum in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Learning Department  
No. 1 goal for students: “I believe that all students deserve great teachers who will inspire them to learn at grade-level and beyond.”  
Favorite movie: “I don’t really have a favorite movie. However, I enjoy watching Netflix shows with my family.”

Linda Laettner  
Years with the district: 29  
Previous assignment: Vice principal on special assignment with School Leadership  
No. 1 goal for students: “My No. 1 goal for students is for them to rise to their potential and become leaders in our global society.”  
Favorite movie: “Lord of the Rings”

Brian Wulf  
Years with the district: 5  
Previous assignment: Principal at Robinson Elementary School  
No. 1 goal for students: “Support, motivate and push students to exceed expectations and develop into our future community leaders.”  
Favorite movie: “Top Gun”

Travis Dyer  
Years with the district: 12  
Previous assignment: ALPS behavior teacher at Rata High School  
No. 1 goal for students: “My No. 1 goal for students is to have the opportunity to have many teachers who set high expectations and help guide those students to meet those high expectations.”  
Favorite movie: “American Gangster”

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- Communication
- Reading & Composition

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- Communications
- Intro to Business
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PREPARING CAREER READY GRADUATES
A young swimmer enjoys the pool at Hoover High School, one of six Fresno Unified School District pools open to the community over the summer as part of a partnership with the city of Fresno. Pools at Bullard, Edison, Fresno, Hoover, McLane and Sunnyside high schools are open through Aug. 3.

**High School Pools Welcome Community During Summer**

**Facts about Fresno Unified**
- The district will distribute 72,000 tablets for students to use at home over the next three years.
- The district will serve 200,000 free meals this summer.
- District retirees honored at a June 8 dinner had a combined 1,610 years of service.
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District Serves Summer Meals, Offers New Menu Items this Year

As the summer heated up, so did Fresno Unified’s cafeterias, with more than 50 school sites offering free meals from June 8 through Aug. 10.

Fresno Unified partnered with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission to announce the free meal locations for children ages 1 through 18. No identification or demonstration of financial need is required but meals must be eaten on site. Each summer, the district has served approximately 200,000 meals as part of this program.

“Our Summer Food Service Program ensures that students maintain good nutrition even during the summer months, contributing to healthy growth and development. Free summer meals fills the substantial gap of hunger during the summer for all of our students and helps them return to school ready to learn and succeed. Hunger doesn’t take a vacation,” said Food Services Director Jose Alvarado.

The district is also introducing several new menu items this school year, including:

**Middle and High Schools:**
- Whole grain biscuits and beef chorizo gravy
- Orange chicken with chow mein noodles and egg roll
- Chili cheese hot dog
- Chicken and bean burrito
- Bean and rice burrito (vegetarian)
- Beef meatball sandwich
- Cheese enchiladas with green chili sauce (vegetarian)

**Elementary Schools:**
- Whole grain biscuits and beef chorizo gravy
- Barbecue pulled pork with whole grain Hawaiian roll

Fresno Unified offers breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students regardless of income levels. The free meals for all students was a policy change in 2014 to reduce the burden to both families and school administrators and ensure that all students receive nutritious meals.

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**Important Dates**

- **Aug. 13** First Day of 2018-19 School Year
- **Sept. 3** Labor Day Holiday
- **Nov. 12** Veterans Day Holiday
- **Nov. 19-23** Thanksgiving Break
- **Dec. 17-Jan. 4** Winter Break

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“Thirteen percent. Not a perfect score by any means,” Olmos said. “But I think it’s a good place to start.”

Olmos is a well-respected member of the Fresno Unified School District, having taught for over 30 years. His guidance and mentorship have helped many students navigate the challenges of their academic journey.

The visits to Olmos Elementary were a way for the students to connect with their past and inspire their future. The school was established in memory of Mario Olmos, a beloved former student.

Olmos Elementary is just a very special place. I always leave there proud of the whole idea of it. For us to not be involved would be a disgrace.”

The dedication on Oct. 17, 2007, but he lived in Los Angeles. After moving to Houston about three years ago his visits became less frequent, but he makes the most of them. He talks with students who need encouraging or “just whatever they need.”

As a former social worker, Olmos is familiar with the hardships that many of Olmos’ students go through.

“Fidel is such a joy to our school,” said Tharpe, the principal. “He is an integral part of our school culture. Students are always asking when Fidel is coming back so they can get a picture with him or share a family story.”

Students Invited to College Night

The annual Fresno Area College Night will be held Sept. 12 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Convention Center Exhibit Hall.

Students will have a chance to meet with representatives from the California State University campuses, University of California campuses, Ivy League and other private universities, and community and vocational colleges.

College Night will feature workshops on college planning, admission, historically black colleges, and scholarships and financial aid. Some workshops will be available in Spanish and Hmong and transportation will be available from all comprehensive high schools. Students who need transportation should sign up with their high school counselor.

A new registration process for 2018 requires students to register for College Night in advance at www.gotocollegefairs.com. Students should select “Register Now” under the “Students” tab of the website, then select “Fresno Area College Night” on the map of California and enter registration information.

Due to a new Convention Center rule, attendees are prohibited from bringing bags or backpacks into the event.

Fresno Area College Night is put on by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and sponsored by Pacific Gas & Electric.

Students are Invited to College Night

Enrollment Process
1) Call 248-7560 to reserve your orientation spot
2) Attend evening orientation at Duncan to enroll
3) Complete application during orientation

Mandatory Orientation is August 21, 2018 at Duncan Polytechnical High School

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PREPARING CAREER READY GRADUATES
State Awards Grants for Seven CTE Projects at Four High Schools

The district has landed $8.2 million in state grants for career technical education facilities to help pay for significant expansion and modernization in classrooms for hands-on training in career fields.

Thanks to the persistence and expertise of Fresno Unified staff, the state awarded grants to seven projects among 200 applications statewide.

The district will use the grant money and matching funds from Measure X, passed by voters in 2016, for the following projects:

- New building at Fresno High School for construction management and arts/media programs
- Classroom renovations for the arts/media program at Hoover High School
- Classroom renovations for the arts/media program at McLane High School
- Grant applications for an additional CTE program at Fresno High (engineering and architecture) and a program at Sunnyside High School (health sciences) were not approved in this initial funding round, but will be resubmitted for a future funding opportunity.

Construction is underway on the Duncan projects and the planning and design phase is underway for the Fresno, Hoover and McLane projects.

Javier Martinez talks about what students learn in automotive CTE classes at Duncan Polytechnical High School at the CTE Summit April 19. Duncan is among four district high schools receiving state grants to build or renovate CTE classrooms.
Con el ciclo escolar 2018-19 por iniciar, deseo darles la bienvenida a nuestras familias de regreso al Distrito Escolar Unificado de Fresno. Espero que este año sea productivo y divertido para todos nuestros estudiantes y que los padres y tutores tengan la conexión temprana con los maestros de su estudiante(s) y las escuelas. También, deseo darle la bienvenida de regreso al personal esperando que hayan tenido un descanso tranquilo y rejuvenecedor. Sería un descuido de mi parte si no hubiera tomado un momento para enfocarme en los miembros de nuestro equipo que trabajó diligentemente durante el verano para asegurar un inicio tranquilo para el ciclo escolar.

Me gustaría comenzar por agradecerles a todo nuestro personal de instalaciones. El personal encargado de construcción, mantenimiento, conservación y limpieza de más de 100 planteles escolares el cual es un trabajo interminable y el personal roblado este trabajo durante las vacaciones de verano para asegurar que nuestros estudiantes y el personal inicien el año en cuyas instalaciones nos podamos sentir orgullosos. Además, de sus funciones regulares, nuestros equipos de instalaciones iniciaron el segundo año como socios con el departamento de parques y recreación de Fresno para mantener nuestras piscinas abiertas durante el verano. Tenemos seis escuelas preparatorias abiertas y bien conservadas este verano para proveer oportunidades de natación, seguridad, supervisión, y a bajo costo para estudiantes, sus familias y la comunidad. También, este verano marcó otro año exitoso, combatiendo la inseguridad de alimentos con los Servicios Alimenticios del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Fresno proveyendo más de 200,000 alimentos en más de 50 ubicaciones alrededor de Fresno. El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Fresno continúa su enfoque en el niño en general y hace cualquier cosa para poder asegurar ambos; su salud y seguridad dentro y fuera del salón de clase. La investigación es clara: los estudiantes que sufren de estrés o inseguridad fuera del salón de clase traen esos problemas y cruzan las puertas de la escuela con ellos todas las mañanas e impacta su habilidad para aprender. Tener la capacidad de proveer alimentos saludables y gratuitos durante el verano nos beneficia a todos. Con esto en mente, uno de los puntos que deseo reflejar de la adopción del presupuesto del 2018-19 es que el distrito continúa comprometido al mantenimiento socioemocional y de salud de los estudiantes. Nuestra mesa directiva ha hecho inversiones continuas de más de $4.5 millones por año en un sistema de multiniveles de apoyo. Estos fondos serán proveídos para contratar 45 miembros del personal, así como también socio emocional, académico y capacitación de apoyo en comportamiento, programas y recursos específicamente dedicados a mantener a los niños en el ambiente de aprendizaje con sus maestros.

Para terminar, deseo agradecerles a nuestros maestros y al personal por todo lo que harán este próximo año, por adorar y apoyar a nuestros niños. Recuerden –cada uno y todos nosotros en este distrito tenemos la fortaleza de impactar positivamente a nuestros niños si siempre recordamos movernos hacia las personas y los desafíos en lugar de alejarnos de ellos. Gracias y que tengan un maravilloso inicio del ciclo escolar 2018-19.

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