MEDIA RELEASE

General Ed Students Help Students with Disabilities Play an Instrument

What: Through new program, general education students are helping students with disabilities learn how to play an instrument

When: Sunnyside High School – Monday, May 6, 2019
2:45 p.m.
Hoover High School – Tuesday, May 7, 2019
3:30 p.m.

Where: Sunnyside High School
1019 S. Peach Ave. (93727)

Hoover High School
5550 N. First St. (93710)

Through the United Sound initiative, general education students at four high schools are working with students in special education to help them learn an instrument. The students in special education will perform with the full ensembles from their high schools at spring concerts.

After a highly successful pilot year with Fresno, Hoover, McLane and Sunnyside high schools, all seven of the district’s comprehensive high schools will implement the program in 2019-20, making Fresno Unified the first in the country to have districtwide participation. Representatives from United Sound expect Fresno Unified to be a nationwide model. The district is using a Student Support and Academic Enrichment grant to implement United Sound.
“This is inclusion at its finest – pairing high school musicians with peers in special education to share their love of music and their skills. When all these students come together for spring concerts, the tears will be flowing,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

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