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MEDIA RELEASE

District makes Bus Wi-Fi Available to Students for Online Learning

What: School buses will be parked at Kirk Elementary School to provide internet connections

When: Pilot program May 20-22 and May 26-29
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: Kirk Elementary School
2000 E. Belgravia Ave. (93706)

Fresno Unified is parking two buses in front of Kirk Elementary School to provide internet for students doing their online schoolwork while campuses are closed. The pilot program takes advantage of the Wi-Fi capability of the district’s buses, an initiative rolled out in October 2016 so that students could do their homework and research while traveling to and from school.

Small groups of students, practicing social distancing and wearing masks, can sit on the grass in the shade and work on their tablets or laptops. While the district is not mandating students complete academic work since schools closed, they are encouraging students to keep learning and are providing new lessons every week.

District campus safety assistants will provide supervision. A district tech hotline number will be available if students have technology questions.

“Using our buses as ‘hot spots’ at Kirk is another way we are trying to overcome that digital divide and give all our students the internet access they need to be successful,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.
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