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District will Provide Tablets to all Students for Home Learning



Ariel Campbell, who will be a first grader at King Elementary School this year, has fun and learns with the tablet Fresno Unified sent home with her to use as part of the new eLearning Companion Device (called LCD) initiative. Ariel's mom bought the pink case to protect it.

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

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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 piggy-back 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.

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PARENTS

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



Students return to school Aug. 13 for the 2018-19 academic year. Drivers are urged to be cautious driving around schools.

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.

- **Conozca al maestro(a) y visite la escuela:** Aproveche las noches de regreso a la escuela en las escuelas primarias y conozca al maestro(a) de su estudiante y al personal de la escuela. Esto ayuda a los estudiantes a estar menos nerviosos para el nuevo año escolar y les permite a

los padres hacer una conexión con el maestro(a).

- **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) proveen 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.
- **Facilite 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.

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.

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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.



Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D
Superintendent

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

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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.



Keith Bergthold
Executive Director of Fresno Metro Ministry

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).

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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



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.

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.

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.



Construction moves forward on the pool at Roosevelt High School, replacing a pool built in 1951. The project is expected to be done in the spring.

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, Kexla 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.

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Preparing Career Ready Graduates

2018-2019 School Year

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF THE UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (UCP)

For students, employees, parents or guardians of its students, school and district advisory committees, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties

The Fresno Unified School District has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state federal laws and regulations and has established procedures to address allegations of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, and complaints alleging violation of state or federal laws governing educational programs including all academic, extra-curricular and school-sponsored activities, the charging of unlawful pupil fees, and any complaints alleging that the district has not complied with legal requirements related to lactation accommodations, educational rights of foster youth, homeless students, and former juvenile court school students, students of a military family as defined in Education Code 49701, course periods without educational content, physical education instructional minutes (grades 1-6), and the non-compliance of our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

The Fresno Unified School District shall investigate all allegations of unlawful discrimination, discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying against any person in district programs and activities, including, but not limited to, those programs or activities funded directly by or that receive or benefit from any state financial assistance based on their actual or perceived characteristics of race, or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Penal Code 422.55, or Government Code 11135 or based on their association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

The UCP shall also be used when addressing complaints alleging failure to comply with state and/or federal laws in:

Adult Education	Child Nutrition Programs	Migrant Education
Agricultural Vocational Education	Compensatory Education	Peer Assistances and Review Programs for Teachers
After School Education	Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs	Regional Occupational Centers and Programs
American Indian Education Centers	Early Childhood Education Program Assessments	School Facilities
Bilingual Education	Economic Impact Aid	Special Education Programs
Career Technical Education	English Learner Programs	Safety Planning Requirements
Child Care and Developmental Programs	Federal Education Programs in Title I-VII	State Preschool Programs

A complaint of noncompliance with laws relating to pupil fees may be filed pursuant to the local UCP. A pupil fees/and or LCAP complaint may be filed anonymously if the complainant provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support the complaint. A pupil enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities.

Complaints of noncompliance with laws relating to pupil fees are filed with a principal of a school. A pupil fee complaint shall not be filed later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred. A pupil fee includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

1. A fee charged to a pupil as a condition for registering for school or classes, or as a condition for participation in a class or an extracurricular activity, regardless of whether the class or activity is elective or compulsory, or is for credit.
2. A security deposit, or other payment, that a pupil is required to make to obtain a lock, locker, book, class apparatus, musical instrument, clothes, or other materials or equipment.
3. A purchase that a pupil is required to make to obtain materials, supplies, or equipment, or clothes associated with an educational activity.

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 compliance 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 5, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act):

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Complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, discriminatory harassment, intimidation or bullying must be filed not later than six (6) months from the date the alleged incident occurred or six months from the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination, discriminatory harassment, intimidation or bullying. The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or designee for good cause upon written request by the complainant setting forth the reasons for the extension. As appropriate for any complaint alleging retaliation, unlawful discrimination, discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the Superintendent or designee may keep the identity of the complainant confidential to the extent that the investigation of the complaint is not obstructed. Complaints shall be investigated in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the parties and maintaining the integrity of the process.

Complaints will be investigated and a written decision or report will be sent to the complainant within sixty (60) days from the receipt of the complaint. This sixty (60) day time period may be extended by written agreement of the complainant. The Local Educational Agency (LEA) person responsible for investigating the complaint shall conduct and complete the investigation in accordance with sections 4680-4687 and in accordance with local procedures adopted under section 4621.

The complainant has a right to appeal the LEA’s decision to the California Department of Education (CDE) by filing a written appeal within 15 days of receiving the LEA’s decision. In any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the respondent also shall have the right to file an appeal with the CDE in the same manner as the complainant, if they are dissatisfied with the district’s decision. The appeal must include a copy of the complaint filed with the LEA and a copy of the LEA’s decision. Civil law remedies may be available under state or federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying laws, if applicable. In appropriate cases, an appeal may be filed pursuant to Education Code Section 262.3. A complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the LEA’s complaint procedures. Complainants may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a court include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders.

The UCP shall also be used when addressing complaints alleging district noncompliance with legal requirements related to the implementation of the local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

The UCP shall also be used when addressing complaints alleging retaliation against a complainant or other participant in the complaint process. A copy of the Fresno Unified School District’s UCP policy and complaint procedures shall be available free of charge.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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.

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students with the 8-inch tablets to support learning over the summer.

For the 2018-19 school year, the district will start assigning tablets in October to students in pre-kindergarten through kindergarten to support early literacy, and in grades 9 through 11 to support college readiness through increasing their ability to study for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) and SAT.

For pre-kindergarten, transitional kindergarten and kindergarten, the companion devices are pre-loaded with apps that support early literacy and math skills development for the district's youngest learners. For grades 9 through 11, the devices are set up with resources such as Khan Academy, College Board and Springboard to help learners prepare for the PSAT and SAT assessments, critical for college acceptance. Students will be able to access additional digital resources outside of the classroom as they become available.

The district will widen distribution to other grades over three years.

Ariel Campbell, who is 6 and will be a first-grader at King Elementary School, was one of the students selected to bring a tablet home over the summer. She plays math and reading games on it for hours.

"I like it because it helps me to learn," Ariel said. "Everybody needs to learn."

Her mother, Latonia Haynes, noticed that Ariel has learned to add numbers better since she brought the tablet home.

"She's learning just by playing," Haynes said.

The district's Information Technology Department is partnering with the Curriculum and Instruction, Early Learning and Alternative Education departments to select engaging apps and enriching digital content to preload on the companion devices.

The LCD web site at go.fresnou.org/lcd includes recommended free apps and sites. Information Technology staff worked with the district's Parent University to develop orientations for parents/

guardians and students on how to use the devices, best practices, and responsibilities.

The orientations will help parents/guardians teach their children privacy and security and responsible digital citizenship. Following the orientation and before a student can take a tablet home, the parent/guardian will sign a parent agreement form committing to monitoring their student's use of the device, and the student will sign a pledge committing to care for the device and use it wisely.

The board of education approved paying for the LCD program with Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) funds. At nearly all of the district's many LCAP meetings, parents and community members requested greater access to technology.

The district has piloted a number of programs over the last two years allowing students to check out Kindle tablets from high school and middle school libraries.

For more information, visit go.fresnou.org/lcd.



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New Principals



Anthony Elementary School



Victoria Maglieri

Years with the district: 4

Previous assignment: Vice principal at Powers-Ginsburg Elementary School

No. 1 goal for students: "My core beliefs for student learning are centered on providing students differentiated instruction and celebrating diversity. These beliefs ensure that all students will have equal access to learning. It is my belief that we need to not only meet students' academic needs, but also provide a safe learning environment that fosters personal growth and socialization.

Favorite movies: "Star Wars," especially "The Force Awakens"

Aynesworth Elementary School



Cha Vang

Years with the district: 12

Previous assignment: Principal at Burroughs Elementary School

No. 1 goal for students: "My No. 1 goal for students is that they excel academically and demonstrate good character."

Favorite movie: "None, as I love reading more."

Bullard TALENT K-8 School



Carol Badawi

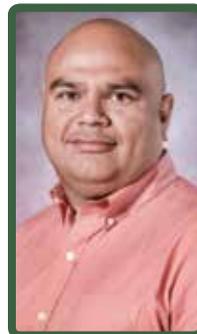
Years with the district: 31

Previous assignment: Principal at Kratt Elementary School

No. 1 goal for students: "To believe in their potential and to know that with hard work, effort and determination they can be truly great."

Favorite movie: "Elf"

Burroughs Elementary School



Miguel Naranjo

Years with the district: 14

Previous assignment: Principal at Lowell Elementary School

No. 1 goal for students: "My No. 1 goal for students is to prepare them so that they can be successful in middle school, high school and beyond."

Favorite movie: "The Dark Knight"

Columbia Elementary School



Mike Rivard

Years with the district: 10.5

Previous assignment: Vice principal at Fresno High School

No. 1 goal for students: "That every student be supported to such a degree that they learn at high levels."

Favorite movie: "Sandlot" because it reminds me of my younger days with my love of baseball.

King Elementary School



Joy Nunes

Years with the district: 20

Previous assignment: Principal at Anthony Elementary School

No. 1 goal for students: "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."

Favorite movie: "Brian's Song"

Kirk Elementary School



Denise Romero

Years with the district: 22

Previous assignment: Vice principal/program manager at Kirk Elementary School

No. 1 goal for students: "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."

Favorite movie: "Back to the Future"

Kratt Elementary School



Kacey Sanom

Years with the district: 21

Previous assignment: Vice principal at Bullard TALENT K-8 School

No. 1 goal for students: "Increase student achievement in academics and character development."

Favorite movie: "I enjoy watching many movies, but my favorite genre is romantic comedy. I love a movie that makes me laugh, and has a happy ending!"



Lowell Elementary School



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"

Robinson Elementary School



Kelley Auston

Years with the district: 28

Previous assignment: Principal at Wilson Elementary 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: "Drop Dead Gorgeous" (It's a silly movie I watch with my daughter every time she comes home.)

Wilson Elementary School



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"

Ahwahnee Middle School



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."

Computech Middle School



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"

Tenaya Middle School



Armen Torigian

Years with the district: 14

Previous assignment: Vice principal at Bullard High 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: "Internship" (anything with Vince Vaughn)

Edison High School



Joey Munoz

Years with the district: 25

Previous assignment: Vice principal at Edison High School

No. 1 goal for students: "Provide the best academic experience that develops and prepares students for post-secondary and workforce opportunities."

Favorite movie: "Platoon"

Fresno High School



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"

McLane High School



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"

Rata High School



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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- Intro to Health Careers
- Communications
- Intro to Business
- Hip Hop Dance
- Counseling
- Reading and Composition

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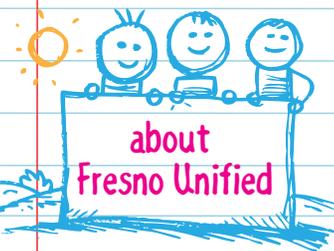
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High School Pools Welcome Community During Summer



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.

Fun FACTS



- ▶ 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
- ▶ The district will distribute 72,000 tablets for students to use at home over the next three years



District Serves Summer Meals, Offers New Menu Items this Year



Students take advantage of free summer meals June 26 at Roosevelt High School. Fresno Unified offered the meals at more than 50 sites throughout the district for students and anyone in the community ages 1 to 18.

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.



Important Dates

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| 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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OLMOS MENTORING
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“To have that school there with Mario’s name to represent his legacy, it’s an honor to the family and we don’t take it lightly,” Olmos said. “We’re very proud of the whole idea of it. For us to not be involved would be a disgrace.”

He visited the school occasionally after the dedication on Oct. 17, 2007, but regular visits came about six years ago after he renewed contact with Jorge Ramirez, vice principal at the time.

The visits were not easy at first. In committing to sharing about his brother, he realized he was not yet over the pain of Mario’s death. His first visits were to two sixth grade classes.

“I really hadn’t thought about the impact and the questions I would be asked. Turns out I wasn’t really prepared for it,” Olmos said. “They weren’t asking generic questions, but very personal things. Before I knew it I was in the classroom bawling like a baby, crying my head off for several minutes.”

He had a similar reaction after talking

with students in the second classroom.

“I told myself, ‘I can’t do this. I’m not ready,’” Olmos said.

But after leaving the classroom, three students found him and gave him notes “offering me words of comfort.” Olmos said he was surprised and touched by their empathy.

“From that day on, those kids have been my therapist,” Olmos said. “I get more out of the visits than [the students] do.”

He visited every other Friday when 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.”

Olmos takes photos with students and gives them a copy. He hopes they hang on to the photos as a reminder of their time at Olmos Elementary School. He has also created Mario Olmos trading cards featuring photos of Mario and the school and Mario’s personal “stats” on the back. He hands them out to students and staff.

“Olmos Elementary is just a very special place. I always leave there

admiring what the staff, the teachers do day in and day out,” Olmos said. “The kids always seem happy to be there. Friends have come with me and have been impressed as well. On behalf of the Olmos family, I want to say a big thank you to the staff and teachers for making Olmos Elementary such a special place.

“Olmos, to me, I’m visiting home. It’s a home atmosphere.

Duncan will Offer Night Classes

For the first time, community members and students will have the opportunity to take medical and industrial certification classes at night at Duncan Polytechnical High School.

By offering the classes at night, the district is providing a convenient avenue for increased employment opportunities for the community and students. The district is launching the classes in September in response to requests from local industries, business owners and community members for more education options.

The new initiative is in partnership with Fresno City College.

Medical courses include First Aid/CPR/Basic Life Support/

AED certifications, OSHA 10 Medical certification, Professional Skills training and Medical Office Vocabulary training.

Industrial arts themed courses include First Aid/CPR, OSHA 10 Construction certification, Professional Skills training, HAZWOPER 40 Hazardous Materials Handling certification and Forklift Operator certification.

Certification trainings will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Duncan, 4330 E. Garland Ave. Individuals interested in participating are encouraged to call (559) 248-7560 with questions or to reserve a spot for the mandatory orientation session scheduled for Aug. 21 at Duncan.

Fresno Unified Night Certification Program

Classes begin September 4, 2018



Medical Certifications

- OSHA 10 Medical
- Professional Skills
- First Aid/CPR/AED/BLS
- Medical Office Vocabulary



Industrial Certifications

- OSHA 10 Construction
- Professional Skills
- Forklift (Saturday class)
- Hazwoper (Hazardous Materials Handling)

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

Certification classes available Tuesday & Thursday evenings for high school students and adults.

Enrollment Process

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



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.



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 buildings for heavy truck repair/maintenance and construction trades programs at Duncan Polytechnical High School, as well as renovations to existing classrooms for the manufacturing program

- 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.

BOARD ADOPTED
February 7, 2018

TEACHER INSTITUTE DAYS
August 9 & 10

DISTRICT BUYBACK DAY
August 8, 2018
October 29, 2018
March 4, 2019

INSTITUTE & BUYBACK DAYS ARE NON-STUDENT DAYS

VACATION & HOLIDAYS
Independence Day: July 4, 2018
Labor Day: Sept. 3
Veterans' Day: Nov. 11 (observed Nov. 12)
Thanksgiving: Nov. 19-23
Winter Break: Dec. 17-Jan. 4
M.L. King, Jr. Day: Jan. 21
Lincoln's Birthday: Feb. 11
Presidents' Day: Feb. 18
Spring Break: April 15-April 22
Memorial Day: May 27
Independence Day: July 4, 2019

HOLIDAYS FOR CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL
2018: July 4, Sept. 3, Nov. 12, Nov. 22 & 23, Dec. 24 & 25
2019: Jan. 1, Jan. 21, Feb. 11, Feb. 18, April 19, May 27, July 4

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS
2nd & 4th Wednesdays unless otherwise specified

Board Meetings are held at the FUSD Education Center 2309 Tulare Street, 2nd Floor

Public Schools Month - April, 2019
CA Day of the Teacher - May 7, 2019
Classified Employee Week - May 20-24, 2019

FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC CALENDAR SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019

BLACK FIGURES DENOTE DAYS SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION
RED FIGURES DENOTE NON-STUDENT DAYS WHEN SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION

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SCHOOL BEGINS
August 13, 2018
SCHOOL ENDS
June 6, 2019

Elementary & Secondary Reporting Periods
Oct. 5.....Period 1 ends (39 days)
Dec. 14.....Period 2 ends (43 days)
Mar. 15.....Period 3 ends (46 days)
June 6.....Period 4 ends (52 days)

REPORT TO PARENTS
Sept. 7-12.....1st Deficiency Notice
Oct. 8-19.....1st Report Card (Elementary Parent Conferences)
Nov. 2-8.....2nd Deficiency Notice
Jan. 7-11.....2nd Report Card
Feb. 8-14.....3rd Deficiency Notice
Mar. 18-22.....3rd Report Card
Apr. 26-May 1.....4th Deficiency Notice
June 6.....4th Report Card

END OF SEMESTER DATES ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY
Dec. 14 (82 days)
June 6 (98 days)

STANDARDIZED TESTING WINDOWS
Interim 1 Interim 2
October Jan-Feb
State Testing
April 1 - May 31
Click here to access district testing calendar

Deviations from the calendar require Board approval.

Traditional School Year - 180 teaching days and 5 non-student days
2 Institute Days: August 9 & 10, 2018
3 District BuyBack Days: August 8, 2018; October 29, 2018; March 4, 2019



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trainings, programming, and resources specifically dedicated to keeping kids in the learning environment with their teachers.

In closing, I'd like to say thank you to our teachers and staff for all that you will do in this upcoming year to love and support our kids. Remember -- each and every one of us in this district has the power to positively impact our kids if we always remember to move toward people and challenges instead of away from them. Thank you, and have a wonderful start to the 2018-19 school year.



Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D.
Superintendent

El Personal Preparó al Distrito Para el Gran Inicio del Nuevo Ciclo Escolar

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 agradecerle 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 redobla 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 nuestros 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 continua 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 e 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 comportamiento 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.

Cov Neeg Khiav Dej Num Npaj Hauv Paus Tsev Kawm Ntawv rau ib qhov Kev Pib Lub Xyoo Kawm Ntawv Tshiab Zoo Kawg

Nkaus

Hauv xyoo kawm ntawv 2018-19 twb yuav pib sai sai lawm, kuv xav los tos txais peb cov tsev yim neeg rov tuaj rau Fresno Unified. Kuv cia siab tias qhov no yuav yog ib lub xyoo tawg paj txi txiv zoo thiab muaj kev lom zem rau peb cov tub kawm ntawv txhua tus, thiab tej niam txiv thiab tej neeg saib xyuas sib txuas tau ntov nrog lawv tus tub kawm ntawv cov xib fwb thiab tsev kawm ntawv. Kuv kuj tseem xav los ua tos txais cov neeg khiav dej num rov qab tuaj tom qab uas kuv cia siab lawm tias yuav tau so txaus nkaus thiab ntiv dag zog lub caij so. Kuv yuav ua li cas yog tias kuv tsis siv ib lub sij hawm los ua ntsees rau cov neeg koom tes ntawm peb pab pawg neeg uas tau ua hauj lwm dhau los rau lub caij ntuj sov los xyuas kom lub xyoo kawm ntawv pib mus tau zoo.

Kuv xav pib los ntawm kev ua tsaug rau tag nrho peb cov neeg ua hauj lwm hauv tsev ua hauj lwm. Kev tsim kho, kev saib xyuas, thaj chaw thiab kev tu vaj tse ntau tshaj 100 qhov chaw yog ib txoj hauj lwm uas tsis muaj qhov xaus, thiab cov neeg khiav hauj lwm kub siab lug peb lub caij so los ua kom paub tseeb tias peb cov tub kawm ntawv thiab cov neeg khiav dej num pib tau lub xyoo nrog tej vaj tse uas peb txaus siab hlo rau. Ntxiv rau lawv tej dej num niaj hnuv ua, peb pawg neeg saib tej chaw nkag rau hauv peb qhov kev koom tes xyoo ob nrog Fresno lub chaw saib tej chaw ua si (park) thiab kev ua si los ceev peb tej pas dej qhib nyob rau lub caij ntuj so. Peb muaj 6 lub tsev kawm ntawv them siab cov pas dej qhib thiab tswj xyuas nyob rau lub caij ntuj qhua kom muaj kev nyob nyab xeeb, saib xyuas, nqi da dej qis qis rau peb cov tub kawm ntawv, lawv tsev yim neeg, thiab lub zej zog.

Lub caij ntuj qhua no kuj tseem yog ib lub xyoo zoo dua ntawm kev txuas khoom noj khoom haus nrog Fresno Hauv Paus Tsev Kawm Ntawv Kev Pab Noj Haus npaj ntau tshaj li ntawm 200,000 pluas mov nyob rau ntau tshau 50 lub qhov chaw thooob plaws Fresno. Fresno Hauv Paus Tsev Kawm Ntawv tseem niaj hnuv xav txog txhua tus me nyuam thiab ua txhua yam li ua tau los pab lawv kev noj qab nyob huv thiab nyob nyab xeeb tag nrho hauv thiab nraum chav kawm. Kev tshawb fawb qhia meej: cov tub kawm ntawv leej twg raug kev nyuaj siab thiab ntshov siab sab nraum lub chav kawm coj tau tej teeb meem no nrog lawv txhua tag kig sawv ntov, thiab ua rau lawv muaj

teeb meem kawm tsis tau. Muaj peev xwm los npaj tau tej pluas noj dawb huv thooob plaws lub caij ntuj qhua no rau txhua tus txais txiaj ntsim.

Nrog rau qhov kev xav no, ib qho ntawm cov nqe lus kuv xav los hais txog los ntawm kev txais yuav pob nyiaj txiag lub xyoo 2018-19 yog hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv qhov kev cog rau tub kawm ntawv kev haum xeeb-kev kaj siab thiab kev coj cwj pwm zoo. Peb cov thawj coj tau muaj ib qho kev nqis peev ntau tshaj li ntawm \$4.5 lab nyiaj tauj xyoo txog ntau txoj kev txhawb pab. Cov nyiaj txiag no yuav ntiav tau 45 tus neeg ua hauj lwm ntxiv, thiab kev haum xeeb-kajsiab, kawm txuj ci, thiab tej kev cob qhia txhawb pab kev coj cwj pwm, cov kev pab, thiab tej chaw muab kev pab tshwj zias rau ceev cov me nyuam yaus kev kawm nrog lawv cov xib fwb.

Xaus no, kuv xav hais ua tsaug rau peb cov xib fwb thiab cov neeg khiav dej num rau txhua yam nej yuav ua rau lub xyoo yuav los hlub thiab txhawb pab peb cov me nyuam yaus. Nco ntsoov - txhua txhua tus ntawm peb lub hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv muaj lub zog los cuam txhuam peb cov me nyuam yaus yog tias peb nco ntsoov hloov mus rau tib neeg thiab cov kev cov nyom uas tsis nyob ntawm lawv. Ua tsaug, thiab muaj lub sij hawm zoo rau lub xyoo kawm ntawv 2018-19.



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