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P R E P A R I N G C A R E E R R E A D Y G R A D U A T E S

As a new school year is about to get underway Aug. 12, Fresno Unified is prepared to welcome an expected 74,000 students through the doors of its 102 campuses, offering expanded programs and opportunities for all students. New for the 2019-20 academic year includes:

- New baseball and softball fields at McLane will be ready. With the restoration of adjacent practice fields and stadium work, all of the campus' fields have new surfaces.

the old juvenile hall, which the district purchased from the county of Fresno during the last

TOP 10 TIPS

1. **Meet the teacher and tour the school:** Participate in back to school events.
2. **Getting to school:** Have a back-up plan in case of work or car trouble.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- The district will invest an additional \$11.4 million for expanded services and the equivalent of 110 new positions in support of the special education program.

FACILITIES

- Design Science Middle College High School has relocated to classrooms on the Fresno City College campus in the Business Education Building. The move gives students easier access to college classes and services.
- A makeover of the McLane Stadium is ready for the 2019 season, featuring new synthetic turf, infrastructure and utility updates, the addition of portable restrooms and improved accessibility. This is a Measure X project.
- McLane High School's new pool will be ready in January.

- Starr Elementary School has enhanced facilities in support of special education inclusion efforts. This is a Measure X project.

- Demolition is underway on

school year for a future campus.

- At Bullard TALENT K-8 School, site and security

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3. **Homework area:** Figure out a quiet designated homework space.
4. **Backpack check:** Stock with necessary supplies. Some teachers provide a recommended list of school supplies.
5. **School calendar:** Go to fresnounified.org under "Schools" and print school calendar. (Or cut out the one on page 11.)
6. **Return to routine:** Have students start going to bed earlier and getting up earlier prior to the first day.
7. **Be on time:** Talk about what time you need to leave the house.
8. **What to wear:** Go through last year's clothes and assess what is needed. Get in the habit of laying out school clothes the night before.
9. **Immunizations:** Check on vaccine requirements (see page 8).
10. **Expectations:** Talk about goals for the school year and how to achieve them.

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PARENTS

Convenient Evening Registration Available to get Ready for School

Fresno Unified will open all of its schools for evening registration on Aug. 6 to accommodate families who have not yet registered new students for the 2019-20 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. 12.

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

"I hope that families take advantage of the convenient, after-work hours we offer through evening registration," said Superintendent Bob Nelson. "When students are completely registered and ready to go, it eliminates some of the stress and anxiety that the first day of school can bring."

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.

Inscripciones por la Tarde Disponible

El Distrito de Fresno abrirá todas sus escuelas para la inscripción por la tarde el 6 de agosto para dar cabida a las familias que aún no han inscrito a nuevos estudiantes para el año escolar 2019-20.

La inscripción de la tarde se llevará a cabo de 4 a 7 p.m. Muchas oficinas escolares también estarán abiertas en las mañanas para registrar en los días previos al primer día de clases el 12 de agosto.

Para registrar un nuevo estudiante, los padres / tutores deben traer:

- Certificado de nacimiento del estudiante u otra prueba de edad
- Transcripciones anteriores
- Comprobante de domicilio (como recibo de alquiler o factura de servicios públicos)
- Registros de inmunización que indican la prueba actual de polio, DPT, MMR y tuberculosis; la hepatitis B y una segunda de sarampión son necesarios para kindergarten y séptimo grado; la varicela también se requiere para los de kindergarten y entrantes fuera del estado de grados 1° a 12°

"Espero que las familias aprovechen las convenientes horas después del trabajo que ofrecemos a través de inscripción por la noche," dijo el Superintendente Bob Nelson. "Cuando los estudiantes están completamente registrados y listos, se elimina parte del estrés y la ansiedad que puede traer el primer día de clases."

"Registrar a los niños antes del primer día de clases es una excelente manera de eliminar parte del estrés y la ansiedad que acompañan al primer día de clases", dijo el Superintendente Bob Nelson.

Si los estudiantes están interesados en transferirse fuera del sitio escolar de su vecindario, se les pide que sigan la política de transferencia del distrito. Para obtener más información sobre el proceso de transferencia visita, www.fresnounified.org.

Muaj Kev Cuv Npe Yav Tsaus Ntuj

Fresno Hauv Paus Tsev Kawm Ntawv yuav qhib txhua lub tsev kawm ntawv rau kev cuv npe tsaus ntuj nyob rau lub Yim Hli tim 6 los pab cuam cov tsev yim neeg nws tseem tsis tau cuv npe cov tub kawm ntawv tshiab rau lub xyoo kawm ntawv 2019-20.

Kev cuv npe hmo ntu yuav muaj rau thaum 4-7 p.m. Tsev kawm ntawv ntau lub chaw khiav dej num kuj tseem yuav qhib nyob rau thaum yav sawv ntxov rau kev cuv npe nyob rau yav nruab hnuv txog thaum thawj hnuv

kawm ntawv nyob rau thaum lub Yim Hli tim 12.

Kev los cuv npe ib tug tub kawm ntawv tshiab, niam txiv/neeg saib xyuas yuav tsum tau nqa:

- Tub kawm ntawv daim ntawv hnuv yug los yog lwm yam qhia txog hnuv nyoog
- Cov ntawv tshaj qhia dhau los (Previous transcripts)
- Pov thawj qhia txog chaw nyob (xws li tw them nqi xauj tsev los yog nqi hluav taws xob)
- Daim ntawv teev txhaj tshuaj qhia txog "polio" tam sim no, DPT, MMR thiab sim tshuaj mob ntsws; hepatitis B thiab txhaj tshuaj "measles" zaum ob yuav tsum muaj rau qib kindergarten thiab qib xya; varicella (chicken pox) los kuj tseem raug tseev kom muaj rau tub kawm ntawv qib kindergarten thiab cov los lwm lub xeev los cuv npe qib 1-12

"Kuv cia siab tias cov tsev yim neeg

yuav kav xyeem qhov kev yooj yim no, sij hawm tom qab lawb hauj lwm peb qhib kev cuv npe yav tsaus ntuj," Tuam Thawj Saib Kev Kawm Bob Nelson hais li. "Thaum cov tub kawm ntawv cuv npe tiav thiab npaj txhij mus, nws yuav tso tej kev ntxhov siab thiab kev nyuaj siab uas thawj hnuv kawm ntawv yuav los."

Coj cov me nyuam yaus mus cuv npe ua ntej thawj hnuv kawm ntawv yog ib txoj kev zoo los tshem nqee yam kev ntxhov siab thiab nyuaj siab uas yuav muaj nyob rau thawj hnuv kawm ntawv," Tuam Thawj Bob Nelson hais li.

Yog tias cov tub kawm ntawv muaj kev ntxim siab tshais chaw tawm sab nraum ntawm lawv lub tsev kawm ntawv ntawm tsev, lawv raug tseev kom ua raws nraim li hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv txoj cai tshais chaw. Los kawm ntau ntxiv txog kev ua kev tshais chaw mus saib nyob rau ntawm, www.fresnounified.org.



Office staff at all schools will be available to help register students during evening registration Aug. 6 from 4-7 p.m.

Important Dates

August 6	Evening Registration
August 12	First Day of 2019-20 School Year
September 2	Labor Day Holiday



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SUPERINTENDENT'S Message

Work over the Summer Included Addressing Racial Tensions

It's here again -- the start of another new school year, and I couldn't be more excited to welcome back staff and our more than 74,000 students. While summer vacation provides a much-needed break, many in our organization spent their summer hard at work to ensure a smooth launch of the new academic year.



Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Many of our students spent the summer hard at work as well. Over 14,000 students participated in summer school programs -- from credit recovery, to enrichment courses, to summer literacy and even summer bridge programs for incoming high school freshmen. No matter the program, students and teachers were invested in developing academic and social emotional skills, ensuring students started the new school year on solid ground.

In addition, in our ongoing effort to

reduce the food insecurities facing our youth, the district's Food Services Department provided over 200,000 free meals at 50 school site locations. Our facilities team partnered once again with the city of Fresno's parks department to keep six of our high school pools open for community swimming and swim lessons. With certified lifeguards from the city, Bullard, Edison, Fresno, Hoover, Roosevelt, and Sunnyside high schools provided safe, supervised, low-cost swimming opportunities for our students, their families, and the community. Sprinkle in the opening of 40 school libraries, and our community members and students could grab a compelling book, eat a healthy meal and engage in outdoor activities.

Our operations crews took on the summer heat as they were out in full force tackling construction, maintenance, grounds-keeping and cleaning projects, helping modernize and improve district facilities. McLane High's new synthetic turf football field, Fresno High's cooling system, and safety improvements at Bullard TALENT are just a few of the projects that students will benefit from as they return to school later this month.

Finishing the summer strong while simultaneously ramping up for the new school year is not done in isolation. It wouldn't have been possible without the support from our board of education and the countless district employees who recognize that our students have needs outside of the school year.

As we prepare to kick off the new year, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the racial tensions that were sparked at the end of last school year by a social media video that went viral. Across our country, young people struggle to understand cultural respect, and in many cases lack basic cultural competency. As adults we must work to better educate our kids and look for ways to change that narrative. The video by a young high school student forced us all to recognize there is much more to be done, even for adults, if we are to understand centuries of oppression, hate, and mistreatment. This can be said for every nationality and culture represented in our great city. It's my hope that no

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Message from Fresno Mayor Lee Brand

Don't Let Others Define Your Life for You – Dream Big and Go for It

As we begin another school year, I wanted to share a few of my experiences growing up in Fresno that I hope will provide some perspective and encouragement as you continue your educational career.

I was a problem child who did not do well in school. My sixth-grade teacher told me that I didn't have much of a future and I could end up in jail. I nearly fulfilled that prophesy when I was arrested at Yosemite Junior High and taken away in handcuffs.

Fortunately, I woke up, took control of

my life and never looked back. Graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1967 was a significant accomplishment for me, especially considering my history.

I took the opportunity to share that history with the Rough Rider Class of 2019 at their graduation ceremony this past spring and I shared this advice: It's easy to let yourself be defined by family, teachers, peers, even strangers on social media.

I am living proof that, in spite of outside forces trying to influence your choices, you can decide your own future. And never stop defining yourself.

Write down your goals in detail and then work hard to achieve them. We are all capable of doing so much more than we think we can. Don't be afraid to take risks and always challenge yourself to do your best. Once you choose the higher road, you can be

anybody you want to be.

Remember, education is the great equalizer. It provides options, it opens doors, and it builds confidence. Education helps you look at the world from different perspectives and gives you real pathways to dreams you never thought were possible.

The world is much different, much more complicated and, in some cases, more dangerous than the world I grew up in. But the solutions are still the same. Hard work, achievable goals, and a focus on the future will ultimately get you everything you need.

I encourage you to take control of your life, just like I did. Don't ever give up on yourself. I believe in you and I ask you to believe in yourself. On behalf of everyone at the city of Fresno, I wish you success and happiness this coming school year.



Lee Brand
Fresno Mayor



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improvements include a revamped drop-off/pick-up and parking areas to enhance student safety. The project also includes new fencing and a relocated early learning play area to enhance overall campus security.

- Slater Elementary School has a new kindergarten building and two new classroom buildings, the final site improvements in a 1 1/2-year project that also includes a new campus entrance, new play courts and renovated field areas.
- District-wide Measure X projects include accessibility improvements, installation of security cameras and other safety/security upgrades, and replacement of aging electrical, water, gas and irrigation systems.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- Two grants – \$1.8 million each – will be used to expand career technical education (CTE) pathways, courses and programs.

- The district will add more than 50 new and revised CTE courses, including Pharmacy Technician Careers at Duncan Polytechnical High School and Social Media Marketing at J.E. Young Academic Center.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

- Part-time preschool aide positions will be converted to fulltime, providing more continuity in preschool classes.
- School site allocations have been increased, allowing more flexibility at sites for specific student needs.
- The district will convert health assistant jobs to licensed vocational nurse positions and add more nurses, psychologists, social workers and academic school counselors.
- The district will add vice principals to five schools with larger enrollments and more skilled trades positions, and all bus driver positions will be converted to fulltime.



Above, licensed vocational nurses (LVN) Julie Keller, left, and Ka Vang provide support at McLane High School over the summer. As part of the district's new investments for the coming school year, all health assistant positions will be converted to LVN positions. Left, bus drivers like Ramona Godinez safely transport students to and from school. To better serve students, the district is converting all of its part-time drivers to full time for the upcoming school year. Below, early Learning Center assistant Monica Constante works with Fearless Vang, left, and Elizabeth Sandoval. To better serve students, the district is converting all its part-time pre-kindergarten assistants from 3.5-hour positions to 7-hour positions.





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CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Below, from left, Fresno Unified board members Valerie Davis and Elizabeth Jonasson Rosas, board clerk Carol Mills, board president Claudia Cazares and Superintendent Bob Nelson gather June 21 to launch the demolition of the old county juvenile hall. The district bought the site for a future campus. Bottom, when the McLane High School pool is completed in January, it will round out the construction of new pools at all of the high schools. The 35-meter pool for swimming, diving and water polo will feature a shallow section to accommodate teaching and community use. The project will also include team and locker building with a coach's office and concession room; mechanical building with storage and office space; and bleachers with a shade structure. The pool replaces one built in 1957.





NEW PRINCIPALS



ADDICOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Robyn Scroggins

Years with the district: 32

Previous assignment: Regional instructional manager in the Special Education Department

No. 1 goal for students: To provide an enriched learning environment where students are able to develop to their full potential.

Most people don't know that I: Was a long distance runner and ran the San Diego Rock N Roll Marathon and quite a few half-marathons.

BULLARD HIGH SCHOOL



Johnny Alvarado

Years with the district: Eight (prior to leaving in 2006)

Previous assignment: Director of charter schools for the Fresno County Office of Education

No. 1 goal for students: To work alongside the Bullard educational team to establish a successful learning environment for all students.

Most people don't know that I: Married my middle school crush and high school sweetheart, Elly Laemmlen, now Alvarado. Together we have raised three successful daughters; two are nurses and the third just completed her first year at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

DEWOLF HIGH SCHOOL



Rachael Maciel

Years with the district: 16

Previous assignment: Vice principal at Bullard High School

No. 1 goal for students: To welcome ALL students who are in need of credit recovery by validating their story, building a formidable relationship and helping them discover the tools within themselves to become high school graduates.

Most people don't know that I: Secretly admire musicians and enjoy going to lots of live concerts....any type of music!

DUNCAN POLYTECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



Eric Martinez

Years with the district: 2.5 (vice principal at Bullard)

Previous assignment: Principal of Paso Robles High School

No. 1 goal for students: To ensure that ALL students receive unique and rigorous learning opportunities that will prepare them for success in any career and/or post-secondary education endeavor they may choose.

Most people don't know that I: Played in a professional mariachi band while I was in high school.

EWING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Rosalinda Torres

Years with the district: 15

Previous Assignment: Vice principal at Leavenworth Elementary School

No. 1 goal for students: To provide them with a positive school culture that not only supports their academic needs, but also their social and emotional needs.

Most people don't know that I: Learned to drive in a parking lot behind the police sub-station, in my mom's little white Toyota stick shift car, when I was 12 years old.

FORT MILLER MIDDLE SCHOOL



Abraham Olivares

Years with the district: This will be his first

Previous assignment: Associate principal in Merced Union High School District for the past four years

No. 1 goal for students: Get connected! I want each of my students to feel connected in some way to Fort Miller. Whether it's a teacher, sport, club, administrator, bus driver, something! When we connect kids with school they will have a great chance at success.

Most people don't know that I: Worked at In-N-Out Burger for 10 years. That was a big part of my life, which I believe has helped to shape who I am. It helped to reinforce a strong work ethic, positive attitude, and to value the importance of customer service.

HIDALGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Andrea Alvarez

Years with the district: 14

Previous assignment: Vice principal at Easterby Elementary School

No.1 goal for students: That they do not let anything get in their way academically or socially so they can strive to be the best that they can be. I want students to be on track to graduation and be college and career ready.

Most people do not know that I: Love to tap dance, although it's been awhile since I have.

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Jennifer Thomas

Years with the district: 14

Previous assignment: Vice principal at Jefferson Elementary School

No. 1 goal for students: To ensure that all students have the skills they need to achieve success by providing clarity, high expectations, and structures.

Most people don't know that I: Love nature! I love the beach and the mountains, swimming, fishing, and taking long walks.



PREPARING COLLEGE AND CAREER READY GRADUATES

Fresno Unified Building on College and Career Readiness Success

Fresno Unified continues to expand and enhance efforts to prepare students for college and careers. The results in a number of areas from the 2018-19 school year indicate the work of students and staff is paying off.

College Readiness

- 84.5% of graduates completed the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or Dream Act application to be eligible for financial aid, scholarships and Cal Grants
- Edison, Fresno, and Sunnyside high schools ranked in the top five for FAFSA completion in California for their school size category. Duncan Polytechnical and McLane high schools finished in the top 10



Alexis Gutierrez, who will be a senior this year, demonstrates equipment at Duncan Polytechnical High School's new heavy truck facility during a March 21 open house.

- 17,367 students in grades 8-11 participated in the PSAT school day testing in October, where students were given time to take the PSAT during school hours (usually the test is only taken on Saturdays)
- 3,722 students in 11th grade participated in the SAT school day testing on March 27, with the goal of alleviating roadblocks to college admission
- 637 students were recognized at graduation for passing the Seal of Biliteracy, an exam that validates proficiency in a second language
- Hundreds of seniors earned college credit through advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, unitrack (Fresno State program) and dual enrollment (community college) courses

- 1,855 seniors met the criteria for the Central Valley Promise, making them eligible for two semesters of free tuition and priority registration at any State Center Community College District campus

Career Readiness:

- 687 students worked in a paid or unpaid internship
- 800 students earned college credit by taking dual enrollment courses
- 30,914 students in grades 3-12 participated in work-based learning experiences
- Fresno Unified was awarded CTE Facilities Grants to build Duncan's Health Science and Medical Technology pathways facility and modernize Hoover High School's Construction and Building Trades space
- 660 community members supported CTE students, including CTE District Advisory Committee, subcommittees, Job Shadow Day sponsors, mentors, guest speakers, mock interviewers, portfolio panelists, and others
- Students earned 3,216 industry-recognized certifications, a 52% increase over 2017-18



Students at Edison High School celebrate their Seal of Biliteracy medals and certificates at a May 20 ceremony. They are among 637 students in the district to earn the seals, indicating proficiency in a language other than English.

- Students earned state and national recognition:
 - Hoover High School: National KidWind 2019 Innovation Award Winners
 - Duncan Polytechnical High School: Duncan's nursing services senior Ileana Robles earned Gold in this year's Skills USA competition and is moving on to the national competition, while two other nursing services seniors earned Silver
 - Patiño School of Entrepreneurship: Students placed first, second and third at the Fresno State Entrepreneur Club pitch competition
 - McLane High School: Students placed first and third at the Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge
 - Sunnyside High School: Janet Saldana won the 2019 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Excellence for Short Form Non Fiction -- Video Production
- 93% of CTE courses meet A-G eligibility (for university entrance)
- Investments in CTE facilities

included:

- Edison High School: Information and Communication Technology computer labs; Engineering classroom
- Duncan Polytechnical High School: Construction, Manufacturing, Automotive, Welding, and Heavy Truck facilities
- Fresno High School: Career Center
- Roosevelt High School: Video Production lab
- Bullard High School: courtroom and Law and Social Justice classroom
- McLane High School: ArtVenture Academy
- Sunnyside High School: Sports Medicine and Athletic Training classroom
- The district was awarded two major grants to support the advancement of CTE pathways, courses and programs: \$1.8 million through the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant and \$1.8 million through the Strong Workforce Program Grant



District Immunization Requirements to Start School have Changed

As students prepare to return to school for the 2019-20 academic year, families should be aware that immunization requirements have changed.

For video, go to vimeo.com/fresnounified/vaccinationchanges

As of July 1, 2019:

- Two – not one – doses of the chicken pox (varicella) vaccination are required for transitional kindergarten, kindergarten and seventh grade.
- Two doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) are required for kindergarten through 12th grade at admission or transfer.
- Three doses of Hepatitis B are required for kindergarten through 12th grade at admission or transfer.

Vaccinations are available at private health care providers, pharmacies or the Fresno County Health Department by calling (559) 600-3550. Those on Medi-Cal or who are uninsured can find immunization information at www.fresnounified.org/dept/healthservices.



Vaccination requirements for school have changed this year, including requiring an additional chicken pox shot for transitional kindergarten, kindergarten and seventh grade.

District Announces Executive Director of Special Education

The district's new special education executive director is Sean Virnig, who most recently served as associate director for State Special Schools and Services for the California Department of Education.

Virnig, an educational leader for 15 years, started in his new position July 1.

He has also served as site superintendent for the California School for the Deaf in Fremont, director of education for the



Sean Virnig
Fresno Unified Special Education Executive Director

Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, director of strategic projects for the Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and Blind in Faribault, Minn., and was director of education and K-12 principal at the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf in Faribault.

Virnig received his doctorate and master's degree from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and his bachelor's degree from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.



2019-2020 School Year

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF THE UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (UCP)

To all students, employees, parents or guardians of its students, school and district advisory committee members, 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 Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) to address and resolve any complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying in any district educational programs.

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 the person's actual or perceived characteristics of race, or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital, pregnancy, 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 the person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics (5 CCR 4610).

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

Accommodations for Pregnant and Parenting Pupils	Child Care and Developmental Programs	Migrant Education
Adult Education	Child Nutrition Programs	Physical Education Instructional Minutes
After School Education and Safety Programs	Compensatory Education	Pupil Fees
Agricultural Career and Vocational Education	Course Periods Without Educational Contact	Reasonable Accommodations to a Lactating Pupil
American Indian Education Centers and	Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs	Regional Occupational Centers and Programs
Early Childhood Education Program Assessments	Economic Impact Aid	School Plans for Student Achievement
Bilingual Education	Education of Pupils (Homeless, former Juvenile Court Pupils, and Children of Military Families)	School Safety Plans
California Peer Assistances and Review Programs for Teachers	English Learner Programs	Schoolsite Councils
State and Federal Career Technical Education, Career Technical and Training Programs	Federal Every Student Succeeds Act	Special Education Programs
	Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP)	California State Preschool Programs and Health/Safety Issues

A complaint of noncompliance with laws relating to pupil fees may be filed pursuant to the local UCP. A pupil fee 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 activity.

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.

The District shall post a notice of the educational rights of pupils in foster care, pupils who are homeless, former juvenile court pupils now enrolled in a school district, and pupils in military families, as specified in EC sections 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1 and 51225.2. The notice shall include complaint process information, as applicable.

In order to identify appropriate subjects of state preschool health and safety issues pursuant to HSC Section 1596.7925, a notice shall be posted in each California state preschool program classroom in each school in the District. The notice shall (1) state the health and safety requirements under 5 CCR that apply to California state preschool programs pursuant to HSC Section 1596.7925 and (2) state the location at which to obtain a form to file a state preschool health and safety issues complaint pursuant to HSC Section 1596.7925.

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):

Teresa Plascencia, Executive Director Title 5 Compliance Officer Constituents Services Office Address: 2309 Tulare Street, Room 218, Fresno, CA 93721 Telephone Number: (559) 457-3736 FAX: (559) 457-3933 Email: Teresa.Plascencia@fresnounified.org	Brian Beck, Special Education Assistant Superintendent Special Education Office Address: 1301 M Street, Fresno, CA 93721 Telephone Number: (559) 457-3226 FAX: (559) 457-3258 Email: Brian.Beck@fresnounified.org
Paul Idsvogel, Chief of Human Resources Title IX Officer/AgeDA (Discrimination Act) Human Resources Address: 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721 Telephone Number: (559) 457-3730 FAX: (559) 457-3528 Email: Paul.Idsvogel@fresnounified.org	Jeanne Butler, Manager Section 504 Coordinator Address: 1301 M Street, Fresno, CA 93721 Telephone Number: (559) 457-3220 FAX: (559) 457-3258 Email: Jeanne.Butler@fresnounified.org

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) calendar days from the date of the receipt of the complaint, unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of time. 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, including, but are not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available under state or federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying laws, if applicable.

The district prohibits retaliation in any form for filing a complaint and shall ensure that complainants or anyone who has acted to uncover or report a violation subject are protected from retaliation. 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.

Revised 6/18/19



Successful Districtwide Art Initiative Adding Schools, Gallery Space

The district will expand its highly successful district art collaborative in 2019-20 to include more students and teachers and double the gallery space it uses.

In the coming year, approximately 50 classrooms from elementary to adult transition students will participate, compared to the pilot group of a dozen teachers in 2016.

This experience over the past three years has been incredibly powerful for students, teachers, families, and the Fresno community. Students are growing through literature and art, building empathy and developing a strong voice of advocacy across the district that is being expressed through curated art exhibitions each month during the school year at the M Street Arts Complex.

R.E.A.L. – Relevant Engagement through Art and Literacy – launched in the 2016-17 school year with 12 teachers from across the district participating in a collaborative project modeled after the McLane ArtVenture



Visitors enjoy Fresno Unified student art during a Nov. 1 exhibit, one of several during the last school year. In the coming academic year, the districtwide art collaborative is expanding and the district will double the gallery space it uses at the M Street Arts Complex.

Academy work.

The goal was to connect powerful, socially relevant themes within a variety of texts and art culminating in exhibits of student art and writing at ArtHop. Students participating ranged from transitional kindergarten through 12th grade. By 2018-19, R.E.A.L.

teachers and students from all seven regions were participating.

With the support of district leaders and the Fresno Unified Board of Education, art supplies, literature, professional development and supplemental contracts are provided to participating teachers.

In addition, the district leases gallery space at the M Street Arts Complex for high quality public exhibitions of student artwork and writing. Because the collaborative has been so successful, the district will expand the gallery space from 733 square feet to 1,804 square feet for 2019-20.

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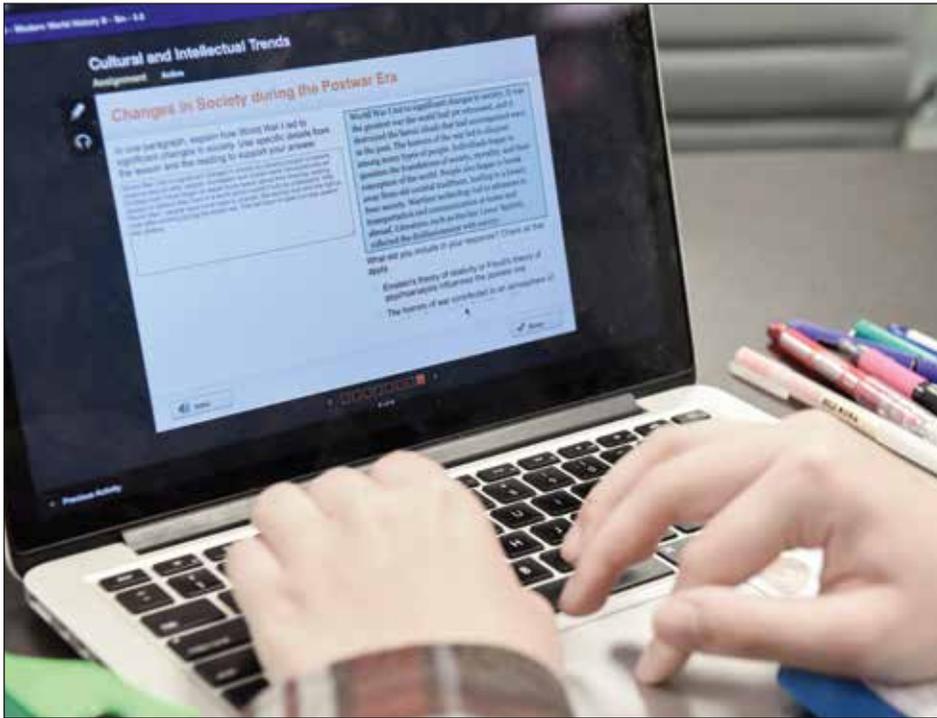
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eLearn Academy Offers Online School Opportunities for Grades 7-12



The district's eLearn Academy online school offers honors and college courses, a flexible schedule and early graduation options. Students can meet with teachers two or three times a week for one-on-one help.

Fresno Unified's online school, about to start its third year, continues to offer students a high-quality, alternative path to graduation.

For video, go to vimeo.com/fresnounified/elearnacademy

eLearn Academy provides:

- A small school experience
- Honors courses for highly motivated students
- College courses
- Flexible scheduling
- Early graduation options
- Spanish for all
- A-G pathway for students who plan to attend California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campuses

eLearn Academy offers a full four years of digital curriculum. The courses meet A-G requirements for the UC and CSU systems. The school also offers dual enrollment -- high school and college credit for the same course.

Credentialed teachers are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for chat through email or phone. Appointments are available for help outside those times and days.

Middle school students come on Tuesdays and Thursdays. High school students come two to three days per week -- Mondays and Wednesdays and/or Fridays.

Online learning may be an attractive option for students with outside interests that require them to be away from Fresno, or for students who prefer a small-school experience.

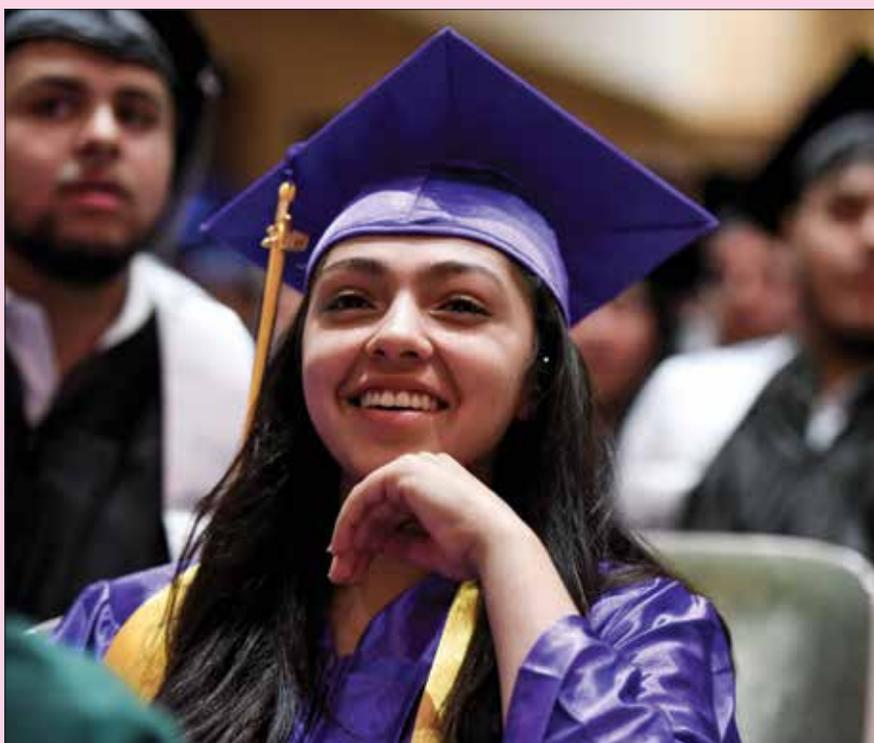
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District Celebrates Summer School Graduates



The district celebrated 120 graduates, including Fresno High School's Amaya N. Bernal, during summer school graduation on July 12. During summer school, 162 seniors completed credits for graduation.

Students Expand Skills during Summer School



Christian Escalante-Suárez works on a project during a career technical education enrichment program at Heaton Elementary School on July 9. The program was part of a variety of summer school offerings to expand student learning and help students stay on track to graduate.



FRESNO UNIFIED ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Spring Athletic Signings

Several athletes signed letters of intent to play college sports. Bullard High School: Anissa Villanueva, softball, Hope International University; Aaron Deleon, baseball, Menlo College; Keidra Hall, lacrosse, Whittier College; Jocelyn Hernandez, wrestling, MacMurray College. Edison High School: McKinley Lee, football, Fresno State; Daria Goss, competitive sport cheer, UC Davis; Bryan Banuelos, track and field, Fresno Pacific University.



Left, Edison High School's Elisabeth Romero battles with Bullard High School's Alaina Valdez during Bullard's 11-10 win last spring in the Fresno Unified Lacrosse Championships.

Spring Highlights

Bullard High School: Fresno City Champions in lacrosse; County Metro Athletic Conference (CMAC) champions in softball, boys swimming and boys golf; Jazzy Contreras is CMAC Pitcher of the Year in softball; Jaime Maxie is CMAC Coach of the Year in softball; Keidra Hall is Fresno Unified Most Valuable Player in lacrosse.

Edison High School: Kennedy

Jennings is back-to-back CIF 800 meters champion; Fresno Unified league champions in lacrosse and competitive sport cheer; Jamie Vargas is Fresno Unified Coach of the Year in lacrosse; CMAC champions in girls track and field.

Fresno High School: North Yosemite

League (NYL) champions in baseball; Jordan Perez is NYL Player of the Year in baseball; Jason Papi is NYL Coach of the Year in baseball.

Hoover High School: Megan Carey is U.S. Lacrosse Academic All-American (first in district history); NYL champions in boys swimming (eighth straight

year) and badminton; Kyle Bunch is NYL Coach of the Year in boys swimming; Benjamin Hernandez and Tristan Henson are Tri-Sport Athletes of the Year.

McLane High School: Johndi Yang is NYL Most Valuable Player in boys volleyball.

Roosevelt High School: NYL champions in boys track and field and boys tennis (undefeated and back-to-back titles); Jefferson Tobar is NYL Player of the Year in boys tennis; Tony Diaz is NYL Coach of the Year in boys tennis.

Sunnyside High School: Jonae Dejohnette is Junior League of Fresno Senior Girl Athlete; Mitch Gaasch is NYL Coach of the Year in softball; NYL champions in boys volleyball (undefeated); Kee Xiong is NYL Coach of the Year in boys volleyball; Grace Her and Elizabeth Souvannarath are Fresno Unified All-Americans; Linda Thao and Marquay Williams are Senior Athletes of the Year.

FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC CALENDAR SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020

BOARD ADOPTED February 7, 2018

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TEACHER INSTITUTE DAYS August 8 & 9

DISTRICT BUYBACK DAY August 7, 2019 October 28, 2019 March 2, 2020

INSTITUTE & BUYBACK DAYS ARE NON-STUDENT DAYS

VACATION & HOLIDAYS
Independence Day: July 4, 2019
Labor Day: Sept. 2
Veterans' Day: Nov. 11
Thanksgiving: Nov. 25-29
Winter Break: Dec. 16-Jan. 3
M.L. King, Jr. Day: Jan. 20
Lincoln's Birthday: Feb. 10
Presidents' Day: Feb. 17
Spring Break: April 6-13
Memorial Day: May 25
Independence Day: July 4, 2020 (observed July 3, 2020)

HOLIDAYS FOR CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL
2019: July 4, Sept. 2, Nov. 11, Nov. 28 & 29, Dec. 24 & 25
2020: Jan. 1, Jan. 20, Feb. 10, Feb. 17, April 10, May 25, July 3

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, 2020
CA Day of the Teacher - May 5, 2020
Classified Employee Week - May 18-22, 2020

Calendar grid for July 2019 with school session days in black and non-session days in red.

Calendar grid for August 2019 with school session days in black and non-session days in red.

Calendar grid for September 2019 with school session days in black and non-session days in red.

Calendar grid for October 2019 with school session days in black and non-session days in red.

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Calendar grid for April 2020 with school session days in black and non-session days in red.

Calendar grid for May 2020 with school session days in black and non-session days in red.

Calendar grid for June 2020 with school session days in black and non-session days in red.

Calendar grid for July 2020 with school session days in black and non-session days in red.

Traditional School Year - 180 teaching days and 5 non-student days
2 Institute Days: August 8 & 9, 2019
3 District BuyBack Days: August 7, 2019; October 28, 2019; March 2, 2020

SCHOOL BEGINS August 12, 2019 SCHOOL ENDS June 4, 2020

Elementary & Secondary Reporting Periods
Oct. 4.....Period 1 ends (39 days)
Dec. 13.....Period 2 ends (43 days)
Mar. 13.....Period 3 ends (46 days)
June 4.....Period 4 ends (52 days)

REPORT TO PARENTS
Sept.6-11.....1st Deficiency Notice
Oct. 7-18.....1st Report Card (Elementary Parent Conferences)
Nov. 1-7.....2nd Deficiency Notice
Jan. 6-10.....2nd Report Card
Feb. 7-13.....3rd Deficiency Notice
Mar. 16-20.....3rd Report Card
Apr. 24-29.....4th Deficiency Notice
June 4.....4th Report Card

END OF SEMESTER DATES ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY
Dec. 13 (82 days)
June 4 (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.



SUMMER FUN at SCHOOL

Below from left, Krysten Lee, Britney Romero and Kongching Her learn about science and engineering with teacher Diana Garcia by building a balloon-propelled race car during a fourth and fifth grade summer enrichment class at Vang Pao Elementary School. At right, students have fun cooling off at the Roosevelt High School pool, one of several district pools open over the summer for community swimming and swim lessons through a partnership with the city of Fresno's parks department. Bottom left, students at Olmos Elementary School enjoy free summer meals. The district expects to serve about 200,000 nutritious free meals over the summer at more than 50 school sites and more than 100 Economic Opportunities Commission sites. Bottom right, Talya Boles, left, and Evelina Martinez enjoy using the Forkner Elementary School library. Libraries at schools that hosted summer school were open during the summer for community use.





EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Sixth-Grade Teacher Changing Lives at Powers-Ginsburg Elementary



David White works with students during summer school on an "egg drop" project. June 24 at Tenaya Middle School. During the school year, White teaches at Powers-Ginsburg Elementary School.

David White, a sixth-grade teacher at Powers-Ginsburg Elementary School, is starting his third year with Fresno Unified after teaching in Sanger Unified School District for four years. He loves also living in the Powers-Ginsburg neighborhood. He was an Excellence in Education finalist in February. Powers-Ginsburg Principal Angela Balliet said about White: "Not only does Mr. White raise achievement by providing high quality instruction, but he sets out to make a difference in the lives of our students and community. The relationships he develops and leadership that he fosters in others has a lasting impact."

What made you go into teaching? I want to make an impact. Teaching is a position of influence and a unique privilege to mold future generations. I want my students to remember sixth grade as the year that changed their life.

What do you enjoy the most about your job? What brings me the most

joy is real transformation. I think of how many parents take a picture of their child the first day of school and then another one on the last day. I wish we had a way of doing that for more than just the physical transformation a student goes through in a year. I get so much pride from watching students grow and develop as creative artists, thinkers and problem-solvers. Watching a group of students grow and become a family over the school year can't be measured, but it makes me love my job.

What is the most challenging about your job? Saying goodbye. Giving them a hug on the last day of school while knowing that some will still struggle to be at grade level and others will make poor decisions in the future. I can only hope that my efforts have launched them toward successful years to come.

What do you enjoy the most about sixth graders? Sixth graders are

moldable. Despite popular opinion, they are raw, real, and open to change. They also laugh at some of my jokes.

You are involved in your school beyond the classroom as the adviser to student leadership and the Young Men Power club, lead teacher for Saturday Academy, a Culture Climate Team member, and after school tutor. What motivates your involvement in these areas? This world needs more fathers; good fathers. When I step on my campus, I take on a role of 'dad' or 'big bro' and it changes the way I look at my involvement. My job in Fresno Unified is not only a career, it is an opportunity: one I do not take lightly.

On the first day of school, what is the most important thing you hope you can accomplish with your students? I think the first and primary job of every

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Job at Easterby Elementary no Joke for former Stand-Up Comedian

Randall Wallace is everywhere at Easterby Elementary School: noon-time assistant, an aide for students in the special education Resource Specialist Program, and is a coach for all boys sports teams. A nine-year employee of the district, Wallace has spent most of his career with Fresno Unified at Easterby. He was an Excellence in Education finalist in February. Easterby Principal Pam Taylor said of Wallace: "Randall exemplifies our mission of preparing career ready graduates in all he does all day long. He knows that a connected student stays in school, on target to graduate. He pushes himself to ensure that all students at Easterby are connected to a caring adult each day."

What role can sports play in students' lives? The role sports plays in a student's life is huge. It builds character, integrity and sportsmanship. These qualities are not just on the field, but they carry into the classroom and life in general. I personally have seen grades and attitudes improve as

a result of sports. On a personal level, if it weren't for sports, I don't think I would be the man I am today.

Why is your morning greeting to students as you open the cafeteria important? My morning greeting to students as I open the cafeteria is important because I understand that I am one of the first school employees the students see. If I can start their day off with a big smile, a fist bump, a high five or a "let's have a nice day, today," I have found that goes a long way.

What do you enjoy the most about your job? What I enjoy the most about my job is the fact that I am able to be a part of the growth of so many youths alongside a fantastic staff at Easterby.

What is the most challenging about your job? The most challenging thing about my job is having to remember the likes, dislikes and characteristics of the many students I encounter on a daily basis. Knowing what makes them "tick" is huge.

If you could choose a different career, what would it be? If I could choose a different career, it would be either a high school baseball coach or a voice-actor.

What do you like to do when you are not working? When I am not working, I like to play baseball and watch TV/

movies.

Name one thing most people do not know about you. One thing most people do not know about me is that for six years I was a stand-up comedian.

What is your dream vacation? My dream vacation would be to tour all of the islands in the Virgin Islands.



Randall Wallace works with Carrie Vang during summer school at Anthony Elementary School. During the regular school year, Wallace is a much loved assistant and coach at Easterby Elementary School.



DAVID WHITE

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teacher is to create an atmosphere of true family. I want my students to know they are loved, valued and wanted in my class. So, on day one, my goal is to make them feel like they have a special place on my roster. I tell them they are in Mr. White's class because I chose them to be there (you should see the look on their faces).

Name one thing most people do not know about you. Besides sometimes wearing my socks inside out, I have been on a gameshow called "The Price is Right." There is some fun proof on YouTube under the title "Wheel Spin Fail."

If you could choose a different career, what would it be? I have always been fascinated with performance, and it would be awesome to travel the world performing in front of audiences. Maybe juggling or making people smile... Well, that sounds like a clown. Never mind; anything that invests in the future generations and people's lives sounds good to me!

Doing anything fun over the summer? One word: familia. While I do my best to prioritize my family year-round, during the summer my family gets ALL of me. I like to pretend I am a monster and chase the kids around the house.

Favorite restaurant and why? My wife and I are foodies and there are plenty of incredible options in our beautiful city of Fresno, but the shrimp tacos at Don Pepe's are killer.



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Hands Up for Reading



Students have fun in the library at Gaston Middle School on June 28 during the Summer Literacy Program hosted by the district's Office of African American Academic Acceleration. The initiative offered five weeks of literacy support for kindergarten through fourth grade students and a three-week program for middle school students. About 600 students attended. During the program, parents also learned how they can support reading at home.



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State Center Community College District



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matter your cultural make up, you are willing to lean in and learn about others around you. I suspect you will find many more similarities than you do differences because we share so many of the same goals for our children, our school district and our larger community.

As a result of the incident, students spent time this summer learning about cultural kindness and responsible social media usage. The students at the forefront of this provided valuable learning to other students and plan to continue that movement into the new school year. For all the hurt this event created, it has provided an unexpected opportunity for both student and adult learning -- and that work is just beginning as a district.

Each one of us in this community has the power to positively impact our youth but we need to remember to move towards difficult conversations and challenges instead of looking away from them. I hope you will join our effort in making this a priority in every region of our district.

Here's to a productive, safe and positive 2019-20 school year! Welcome back, Fresno Unified students and staff.

Trabajo Durante el Verano Incluyó Abordar las Tensiones Raciales

Llegó otra vez – el inicio de otro ciclo escolar y no me puedo sentir más emocionado de darle la bienvenida de regreso a nuestro personal y a nuestros más de 74,000 estudiantes. Mientras que las vacaciones de verano proveen tan merecido descanso, muchos en nuestra organización pasaron el verano trabajando arduamente para asegurar un inicio tranquilo de nuestro año académico.

Muchos de nuestros estudiantes también pasaron el verano trabajando arduamente. Mas de 14,000 estudiantes participaron en los programas escolares de verano —desde recuperar los créditos, cursos de enriquecimiento, lectoescritura de verano y hasta programas de puente de verano para los estudiantes que van a iniciar el noveno (freshmen) grado en la escuela preparatoria. No importa el programa, los estudiantes y maestros se comprometieron a las habilidades de desarrollo académico y socioemocional, asegurando que los estudiantes inicien el ciclo escolar sobre un terreno sólido.

Además, en nuestro continuo esfuerzo para reducir la inseguridad alimenticia que nuestros jóvenes enfrentan, el Departamento de Servicio Alimenticio del distrito provee más de 200,000 alimentos gratuitos en la localidad de 50 escuelas. Nuestro equipo de instalaciones se asoció una vez más con el departamento de parques de la ciudad de Fresno para mantener abiertas seis piscinas de nuestras escuelas preparatorias para la comunidad y clases de natación. Con salvavidas certificados de la ciudad en las preparatorias, Bullard, Edi-

son, Fresno, Hoover, Roosevelt y Sunnyside proveen oportunidades seguras, supervisadas, natación a costo bajo para nuestros estudiantes, sus familias y la comunidad. Disperso en la apertura de bibliotecas en 40 escuelas, nuestros miembros comunitarios y estudiantes pueden agarrar un libro convincente, tomar un alimento saludable y participar en actividades al aire libre.

Nuestro personal de operaciones pasó el verano cálido, manteniendo en su totalidad los proyectos de construcción, mantenimiento y limpieza de los campos escolares, que ayudan en la modernización y mejoramiento de las instalaciones del distrito. El campo de fútbol de césped sintético en la preparatoria McLane, sistema de enfriamiento en la preparatoria Fresno y mejoras de seguridad en la escuela Bullard TALENT son solo algunos de los proyectos que beneficiarán a los estudiantes cuando regresen a la escuela este mes.

Terminar el verano con fortaleza mientras que simultáneamente se intensifica para el nuevo ciclo escolar no se hace de forma aislada. Esto no sería posible sin el apoyo de nuestros miembros de la junta educativa e incontables empleados del distrito quienes reconocen que nuestros estudiantes tienen necesidades aparte del ciclo escolar.

Mientras nos preparamos para el inicio del nuevo ciclo escolar, será negligente si no reconociera las tensiones raciales que fueron provocadas a finales del ciclo escolar pasado por un video en las redes sociales que se volvió viral. Alrededor de nuestro país, los jóvenes se esfuerzan por comprender el respeto cultural y en muchos casos la falta de capacidad cultural básica. Como adultos debemos trabajar para educar mejor a nuestros hijos/as y buscar la forma de cambiar esa narrativa. El video de un joven estudiante de la preparatoria nos obligó a todos a reconocer que hay mucho por hacer, incluso para los adultos, si queremos entender siglos de opresión, odio y maltrato. Esto se puede decir para toda nacionalidad y cultura representada en nuestra gran ciudad. Espero que no importa tu maquillaje cultural, estés dispuesto a apoyarte y aprender acerca de los demás a tu alrededor. Sospecho que encontrarán muchas más similitudes que las diferencias debido a que compartimos muchos de los mismos objetivos/metapas para nuestros hijos, nuestro distrito escolar y nuestra comunidad en general.

Como resultado del incidente, los estudiantes pasaron este verano aprendiendo de sobre la amabilidad cultural y el uso responsable de las redes sociales. Los estudiantes a la vanguardia de esto proporcionaron un aprendizaje valioso a otros estudiantes y planean continuar ese movimiento hacia el nuevo ciclo escolar. Por todo el daño creado por este evento, se ha proporcionado la oportunidad inesperada para el aprendizaje de estudiantes y adultos y ese trabajo apenas se está iniciando como un distrito.

Cada uno de nosotros en esta comunidad tiene el poder de impactar positivamente a nuestros jóvenes y tenemos que recordar de seguir avanzando hacia conversaciones y desafíos difíciles en lugar de verlos aleja-

dos de ellos. Espero que se unan a nuestro esfuerzo para que esto sea una prioridad en todas las regiones de nuestro distrito.

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Keu Ua Hauj Lwm ntawm Lub Caij Ntuj Qhua Xam Nrog Rau Kev Hais Txawj Hauv Neeg Kev Tsis Sib Haum Xeeb

Nws twb rov txog sij hawm dua lawm – pib dua ib lub xyoo kawm ntawv tshiab thiab kuv tsis muaj kev zoo siab tshaj qhov uas tos txais cov neeg khiav dej num rov tuaj thiab peb cov tub kawm ntawv coob tshaj li ntawm 74,000 tug. Lub caij so caij ntuj qhua npaj muaj ib qho kev so txaus nkaus, peb ntau lub koom haum siv lawv lub caij ntuj qhua sib zog ntsos ua hauj lwm kom paub tseeb tias pib lub xyoo kawm ntawv tshiab mus tau zoo.

Coob coob tug ntawm peb cov tub kawm ntawv siv lub caij ntuj qhua ua hauj lwm hnyav thiab. Tshaj li ntawm 14,000 tug tub kawm ntawv tau muab kev koom tes hauv kev kawm lub caij ntuj qhua—txij cov tau qhab nia, rau cov chav txhawb pab, rau kawm nyeem ntawv thiab tsis tag li xwb cov kev kawm tuaj choj lub caij ntuj qhua rau cov kawm qib cuaj los tshiab rau tsev kawm ntawv theem siab. Qhov kev kawm twg los xij, cov tub kawm ntawv thiab cov xib fwb tau nqis peev rau kev tsim kev kawm txuj ci thiab tej kev txawj haum xeeb, kom paub tseeb tias cov tub kawm ntawv tau pib lub xyoo kawm ntawv tshiab mus tau zoo.

Ntxiv rau ntawd, nyob rau peb kev sib zog los txo tej zaub mov tsis zoo uas peb cov me nyuam hluas niaj hnub noj, hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv Lub Chaw Pab Khoom Noj npaj muaj 200,000 pluas mov dawb hauv 50 lub chaw tsev kawm ntawv. Peb pawg neeg saib chaw tau koom tes ib zog ntxiv nrog lub nroog Fresno cov chaw ua si los ceev rau lub ntawv peb cov tsev kawm ntawv theem siab cov pas dej qhib rau tsoom zej zog tau tuaj luam dej thiab kawm kev luam dej. Nrog cov neeg cawm siav muaj ntau ntawv pov thawj los ntawm lub nroog, cov tsev kawm ntawv theem siab Bullard, Edison, Fresno, Hoover, Roosevelt, thiab Sunnyside npaj muaj chaw nyab xeeb, saib xyuas, tus nqi luam dej pheej yig rau peb cov tub kawm ntawv, lawv tsev yim neeg, thiab tsoom zej zog. Txhab ntxiv rau lub sij hawm qhib tsev kawm ntawv 40 lub chaw qiv ntawv, thiab peb cov neeg koom tes hauv zej zog thiab cov tub kawm ntawv muab tau ib phau ntawv qhia, noj ib pluas mov dawb huv thiab txuam nrog tej dej num ua sab nraum zoov.

Peb cov neeg khiav dej num tau siv lub caij ntuj qhua kub kub raws li lawv tawm mus sib zog ntsos ua tej dej num tsim kho, kho, ceev tej av thiab tu, pab kho hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv tej vaj tse kom tshiab khiv thiab txhim kho kom zoo tuaj. McLane High lub tiaj football puas nyom yas tshiab, Fresno High cov cua txias, thiab txhim kho kev nyab xeeb hauv Bullard TALENT tsuas yog qee yam ntawm cov dej num ua uas cov tub kawm ntawv yuav

tau txais txiaj ntsim thaum lawv lawv rov qab mus kawm ntawv tsis ntev lub hlis no.

Xaus lub caij ntuj qhua zoo thooj txhij nkag rau lus xyoo kawm tshiab tseem tsis tau tiav los cais. Nws yuav tsis muaj kev ua tau yam tsis muaj kev txhawb pab los ntawm peb pawg thawj coj kev kawm txuj ci thiab hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv cov neeg ua hauj lwm tsis sov nws lees paub tias peb cov tub kawm ntawv muaj tej kev xav tau sab nraum ntawm lub xyoo kawm ntawv.

Raws li peb npaj pib lub xyoo tshiab, kuv yuav tsis ua zoo xyuas yog tias kuv tsis lees paub hauv neeg kev tsis haum xeeb uas muaj txaim taws cig thaum xaus ntawm lub xyoo kawm ntawv dhau los los ntawm ib qho “social media video” uas mus sib kis. Thooob plaws peb lub teb chaws, cov me nyuam hluas nyiaj ntxeem tsis to taub txog kev hwm kab li kev cai, thiab nyob rau ntau ntau zaum tsis muaj kev paub txog hauv paus kab lis kev cai. Tam li cov neeg laus peb yuav tsum ua hauj lwm kom zoo dua qub qhia peb cov me nyuam yaus thiab nrhiav ntau txoj kev los hloov zaj lus hais ntawm. Qhov “video” los ntawm ib tug me nyuam hluas tub kawm ntawv tsev kawm ntawv theem siab yuam peb txhua tus lees paub nws tseem tshuav ntau yam tseem ua tsis tau tiav, tib yam nkaus rau cov neeg laus, yog tias peb nkag siab tiam ntawm kev tsim txom, ntxub, thiab ua txhaum. Nov hauv rau txhua lub teb chaws thiab sawv cev kab lis kev cai hauv peb lub nroog zoo tshaj plaws. Nws yog kuv qhov kev cia siab tias txawm yuav yog koj kab lis kev cai li cas los xij, koj yuav tau los kawm thiab kawm txog lwm tus neeg ib ncig koj. Kuv ntseeg tias koj yuav pom ntau yam zoo sib thooj li koj ua tej yam txawv vim tias peb muab ntau yam los qhia txog tib lub hom phiaj rau peb cov me nyuam yaus, peb lub hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv thiab peb lub zej lub zos loj loj.

Tam li qhov kev tshwm sim ntawm qhov xwm txheej, cov tub kawm ntawv siv sij hawm lub caij ntuj qhua no kawm txog siab zoo txog lwm hauv neeg thiab muaj kev lav ris rau kev siv “social media”. Cov tub kawm ntawv ntawm hauv ntej ntawm qhov nov npaj muaj kev kawm muaj nqis rau lwm tus tub kawm thiab npaj ua txuas ntxiv mus rau lub xyoo kawm ntawv tshiab. Rau txhua tus tau raug ntawm qhov xwm txheej no tau tshwm sim, nws tau muaj ib qho cib fim tsis npaj rau tag nrho tub kawm ntawv thiab neeg laus kev kawm—thiab qhov hauj lwm tab tom pib raws li ib lub hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv.

Peb tej twb tus hauv lub zej lub zos no muaj lub fwj chim zoo cuam tshuam peb cov me nyuam hluas tiam sis peb yuav tsum nco ntsoov mus lawm tom ntej rau tej kev sib txuas lus nyuaj thiab twv ntxhias hloov nrhiav kev los ntawm lawv. Kuv cia siab koj yuav koom tes nrog peb sib zog ntsos ua qhov no yog ib qho tseem ceeb nyob rau txhua cheeb tsam ntawm peb lub hauv paus tsev kawm.

Nov rau ib lub xyoo kawm ntawv 2019-20 tawg paj txi txiv, nyob nyab xeeb thiab zoo! Zoo siab tos txais rov tuaj, Fresno Hauv Paus Tsev Kawm Ntawv cov tub kawm ntawv thiab cov neeg khiav dej num.



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