

Media Advisory

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MEDIA ADVISORY: Gov. Inslee to drive laps in Washington's first electric school bus around high school stadium

On Mon., June 17 Franklin Pierce Schools will unveil the first electric school bus in Washington State at their high school stadium in Tacoma. The all-electric Bluebird bus is a pilot for the district in their goal to replace their diesel busses with electric. Purchased with grant dollars, the bus features a custom educational energy dashboard and a range of 120 miles. Join students, parents, public officials and Washington State leaders to cheer on the momentous occasion from the grandstand. You'll be front row as Franklin Pierce kicks off a new era of carbon-free transportation. Get your ticket today!

Reserved seating for media to ride with Governor Inslee on bus available on a first-come, first-served basis, contact Annie Pantzke for details.

What: Franklin Pierce Schools unveils Washington State's first electric school bus

When: June 17, 2019; 3:30-4:30pm

Where: Franklin Pierce High School Stadium, 11002 18th Ave E, Tacoma, WA

Who: Washington State Governor Jay Inslee, Local State Legislators and elected leaders, FPS Superintendent Lance Goodpaster, Members of the TransAlta Transition Board, Tacoma Public Utilities Director Jackie Flowers.

Franklin Pierce Schools was honored to receive funding for the first electric bus through [TransAlta's Centralia Coal Transition Grants](#) with guidance from ATS Automation Building Solutions. FPS is working with Tacoma Public Utilities to fuel the bus with carbon-free electricity, optimize routes, infrastructure and planning for the expansion of their electric school bus pilot program.

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