



Manatee District To Demonstrate Expansion of Free Wi-Fi Access Through School Buses and Community Partners Tomorrow

Using School Buses as roaming Wi-Fi hotspots, the School District of Manatee County is expanding the reach of free Wi-Fi access with the help of local churches, community centers and other community partners. The partnerships are designed to provide internet access to students who need it now that all courses are offered online due to campus closures related to COVID-19.

Media members are invited to join School Board member Rev. James Golden, Superintendent Cynthia Saunders, Chief Technology Officer Scott Hansen and Rev. Dr. James Sykes at the Ward Temple AME Church at 1 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, April 1, 2020. The Ward Temple AME Church is located at 1005 5th St. W. in Bradenton.

The Manatee District ultimately plans to have as many as 50 school buses wired and ready to provide roaming access to the internet in areas located throughout Manatee County.

Again, we ask that proper social distancing be observed during this media availability.

Please let us know if you will be able to attend.

Thanks,

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