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The Clark County Board of School Trustees is a dedicated group of community leaders who are elected to overlapping four-year terms and represent a specific geographic region of Clark County. Although each trustee represents a different region, they are dedicated to ensuring the success of every student in the District through clear, concise direction to the superintendent. The trustees bring a wealth of experience and concern for children to their position.

#### **Vision Statement**

All students progress in school and graduate prepared to succeed and contribute in a diverse global society.

### CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

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# CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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October 15, 2021

Linda P. Cavazos, President Members of the Clark County School District Board of School Trustees Residents of Clark County, Nevada:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Clark County School District (CCSD), Clark County, Nevada, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, is submitted here with in accordance with state statutes. Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 354.624 requires school districts to present to their respective boards within four months of the close of each fiscal year a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the District. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the District. The cost of internal controls should not exceed anticipated benefits, as the objective of the District is to provide a reasonable, rather than absolute, basis for making these representations. Management of the District has established a comprehensive internal control framework designed to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the District's financial statements in conformity with GAAP.

The accounting firm of Eide Bailly LLP, a firm of licensed certified public accountants, was selected to perform the fiscal year 2021 audit. In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in state statutes, the audit was designed to meet the requirements of the federal Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and related Uniform Guidance. Eide Bailly LLP concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that the District's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The auditor's report on the basic financial statements is included as the first component of the financial section of this report. The auditor's report on the internal accounting controls of the District are included in the Compliance and Controls Section and will be filed as a public record pursuant to NRS 354.624.

GAAP also requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The District's MD&A can be found on page 6, immediately following the Independent Auditor's Report.

#### PROFILE OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

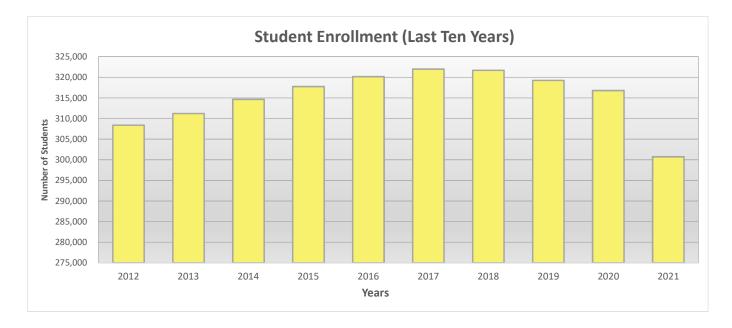
#### History and Geography

In 1956, Nevada's multiple school districts were consolidated under terms of state legislation, creating countywide school districts. All public educational services provided by the District are restricted to the boundaries of Clark County. Clark County covers 7,891 square miles of land and is in the southernmost part of the state. The largest cities within the county served by the District include Las Vegas, Henderson, and North Las Vegas. Other cities and rural areas served are located as far north as Indian Springs and Mesquite and as far south as Laughlin and Searchlight. Although the District serves the geographic area of Clark County, it is formally a political subdivision of the state of Nevada, which determines the majority of its funding. Along with state authorized revenues, the District receives funding from federal and local sources and must comply with the associated requirements of these funding entities. The District has ongoing relationships with many local, state, and federal government agencies, as well as colleges and universities.

#### Population Growth

With a high quality of life, low cost of living, and relatively mild climate, Clark County still remains a top choice for relocation with Clark County's overall population increasing slightly in 2020, totaling approximately 2.37 million residents. The county increased in size by approximately 50,885 people from 2019 to 2020, a 2.2 percent increase. The population in Clark County is predicted to grow at a rate of 1.7 percent in 2021.

The District's audited enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is 300,907 students, this makes the District the fifth-largest school district in the nation. Pursuant to NRS 388.1233, the student enrollment count mechanism for Average Daily Enrollment (ADE) is reported quarterly on October 1, January 1, April 1, and July 1. The following chart represents a ten-year history of student enrollment:



#### Student Enrollment Projections

The Demographics, Zoning, and GIS department utilizes current birth rates and cohort projection techniques, including review of the number of new residents moving into Clark County and the advancement of students through grade levels, to calculate the student enrollment projections.

Student enrollment has decreased by roughly 16,000 students during the past year; due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Projections indicate school enrollment will see a quick recovery over the next year with an increase in ADE moving up to 309,284 students for the 2021-2022 school year.

#### Structure of the District

The District is governed by an elected, seven-member Board of School Trustees (Board). The Board members represent specific geographic areas, are elected by the public for four-year overlapping terms, and have the authority to adopt and administer budgets, as well as establish District policy. The Board employs a superintendent to serve as an administrator for the day-to-day operations of the District.

As of June 30, 2021, the District operates 229 elementary schools, 59 middle/junior high schools, 49 high schools, and 26 alternative and special schools with a total audited student body of 300,907. The majority of the District's 363 schools are organized into three regions aligned geographically. Each region represents from 106 to 125 feeder-aligned schools supervised by a region superintendent. The District is also the largest non-federal, single-entity public employer in Nevada, employing over 39,000 staff.

In addition, reporting directly to the superintendent is the deputy superintendent, the chief financial officer, the chief operating officer, the chief of staff, the chief human resources officer, the chief communications officer, the chief of facilities, the interim chief of police, the president/general manager for Vegas PBS, and the general counsel. The deputy superintendent oversees three region superintendents that lead the schools, the chief college, career, equity, and school choice officer, the chief academic officer, and the assistant superintendent for Assessment, Accountability, Research, and School Improvement Division. The chief financial officer supervises the departments of Finance, Budget, Facilities and Bond Fund Financial Management, Accounting, Grants Fiscal Services, Payroll/Employee Benefits, Resource Management, and Risk Management as well as managing all financial reporting. The



chief operating officer oversees Food Service, Purchasing, Technology and Information Systems Services, and Transportation. The chief of staff is responsible for the Community Services Department, Diversity and Affirmative Action/ADA and Title IX Programs, Government Relations, and Internal Audit. The chief human resources officer is responsible for the Human Resources Division, Employee-Management Relations as well as Recruitment and Development for the District. The chief communications officer is responsible for Communications and Marketing. The chief of facilities oversees the Building Department, Construction Management, Demographics, Zoning, and GIS, Facilities Asset Management, Maintenance Department, Real Property Management, and Sustainability, Energy, and Environmental Services. The interim chief of police is responsible for police officers and law enforcement issues within the District's jurisdiction. The Vegas PBS president/general manager is responsible for Programming and Production. The general counsel directs attorneys and staff working on

behalf of the District's legal interests. The District's organizational chart can be found on page xxi.

#### Vegas Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report includes all funds of the primary government unit, the District, and its component unit, Vegas PBS. Vegas PBS is a local public telecommunications entity and is licensed to the individuals elected as School Trustees of the Clark County School District. Vegas PBS is a legally separate entity for which the District's Board members may serve as the governing body and for which the District is financially accountable. The District's financial statements include Vegas PBS as a blended component unit. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are in substance part of the primary government unit's operations and are included as part of the primary government unit. In matters relating to the activities of the public television station, the Trustees act as individuals, not as school Trustees.

Vegas PBS is a division of the Operational Services Unit of the District. It operates three broadcast television channels serving four Nevada counties and portions of Arizona, California, and Utah. Included are four Cox cable channels; six educational broadband services channels serving local schools; a 28-channel classroom cable service for all District sites; six educational websites; a special-needs resource library serving the entire state; an online digital resource library with hundreds of thousands of instructional titles using a federated search engine called One Place; an online teacher training and adult education center; a proctored testing lab serving Human Resources, Adult Basic Education, Title I, and other units; and an emergency communications data repository and network hub supporting School Police and other emergency responders.

School services, staff development, and District public information services are funded by the District, and supplemented with competitive grants. Public television services and community engagement outreach services are funded by personal philanthropy, corporate and foundation sponsorships, tuition fees, and federal and state grants.

#### **Budget Process**

Budgeting in the District is on a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year basis and normally comprises of three budget filings. The cycle begins in April of the prior fiscal year for the tentative budget and continues until a final budget is filed with the Nevada Department of Education and the Nevada Department of Taxation in June. After the ADE is filed for the first quarter of the fiscal year, the District is required to adopt an amended final budget on or before January 1, reflecting any adjustments necessary as a result of the ADE.

The process of budget formulation begins with the Budget department. This process of budget formulation is a participation process, led by the chief financial officer, and includes the superintendent's Executive Cabinet. After reviewing various budget needs, the Cabinet members submit their requests for staffing, supplies, and equipment to the Budget department. These requests are then summarized by the Budget department, whose responsibility is to prepare a tentative budget for consideration by the superintendent and presentation to the Board for approval. An amended budget may be approved by the Board in any year in which the legislature increases (or decrease) the revenues of a local government, if the increase (or decrease) was not included or anticipated in the local government's final budget as adopted. The Board adopted the 2020-2021 Final Budget on May 18, 2020. After the Board approves the amended final budget, it becomes the responsibility of the



Budget department to implement and monitor the budget. A system of budget allotments are established for each school and departmental unit. Daily review of transaction data is available with user access through network connections, which reflect appropriation levels, encumbrances, and year-to-date expenditures. This reporting system also enables the Budget department to monitor all of the District's budgets on a regular basis and provides the necessary controls.

If it becomes necessary during the course of the year to change any of the departmental budgets, transfers are initiated by department heads and approved by the appropriate administrator. Transfers between programs or function classifications require approval of the Board.

#### **District Services and Programs**

By state mandate, the District provides public education in Clark County,

Nevada from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The District offers many educational resources, from regular and special education programs to adult and vocational programs, in order to meet the needs of the children and adults of Clark County.

#### English Language Learner Division

The English Language Learner Division is facilitating professional learning sessions, Understanding Language Development, for all CCSD licensed educators to improve learning outcomes for English language learners (ELL). Understanding Language Development aligns with the Nevada Educator Performance Framework and reinforces teachers' application of the Nevada Academic Content Standards, the Nevada English Language Development Standards, and the Language Development Approach adopted by the Board of School Trustees to support simultaneous content and language instruction.

#### Victory Schools

In 2015, the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature enacted legislation that created a new school model called Victory Schools. A Victory School is defined as a school having high concentrations of students living in poverty and receiving one of the two lowest school success rankings as determined by the Nevada Department of Education. The goal of the Victory designation is to provide for the distribution of additional monies to certain schools for the improvement of student achievement. Victory Schools must conduct a thorough needs assessment to identify the greatest needs of their school and community. Principals have the autonomy to make curriculum and budget related decisions to improve student achievement based on specific needs identified in the assessment phase. Twenty-two District schools and one District-sponsored charter school were awarded funding totaling \$19,984,493 in the 2020-2021 school year.

#### Student Services

The Student Services Division (SSD) provides specialized services for students with disabilities as mandated by each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), as well as supervising the provision of services for students identified as Gifted and Talented. In addition to direct classroom instruction by highly qualified teaching and related services staff, SSD provides Child Find services, direct services, consultative services, technical support in best practices and requirements mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, classroom consultation, transition services, and professional learning for District educators.

Additionally, SSD provides health and wellness (physical and mental health) support for students ages 3-22. SSD is also responsible for the IEP data management system in compliance with state and federal regulations, including state and federal

reports, and manages the CCSD Medicaid program, bringing in millions of dollars in Medicaid reimbursements in compliance with state and federal regulations to ensure program solvency. Section 504 Accommodation Plans support and guidance are also provided through SSD.

#### Magnet Schools and Career and Technical Academies (CTA)

These programs offer learning opportunities related to various themes or focus areas for interested students. Students from across the District may apply for entrance into one of these programs based on their own interests and abilities. The purpose of the Magnet and CTA programs is to increase student achievement, promote diversity, and create an awareness of career opportunities relative to fields of study in which students may be interested. There are currently 41 Magnet and CTA schools in the District consisting of 11 elementary schools, 13 middle schools, and 17 high schools.





#### Select Schools

This program allows students to choose from one of five select high schools that offer outstanding Career and Technical Education programs of study as well as many Advanced Placement and other specialized programs. Students that live within the designated transportation zone of the school they choose will receive District transportation services. The five Select Schools are Bonanza, Chaparral, Mojave, Silverado, and Western High Schools.

#### Alternative Education Programs

The District provides alternative education programs designed to give students who are credit deficient and/or require a nontraditional approach to education options for an extended day, alternate school hours, or childcare, creating an opportunity to complete their course requirements. The District also provides an alternative setting for students experiencing chronic behavioral problems and in need of behavior modification. Alternative programming includes programs for students who are being detained by Juvenile Courts pending adjudication, as well as for students who have been adjudicated and sentenced to either of the local youth camps.

Acceleration Academies is now partnered with the District to provide even more options for alternative education. Acceleration Academies is a national leader in re-engaging young adult's not experiencing success in a traditional high school setting by providing a personalized academic program to achieve the dream many had thought out of reach: a high school diploma. Acceleration Academies helps students regardless of their circumstances or past experiences within the school system. Graduation candidates come from all backgrounds and include young parents, young adults providing for their families, immigrants, young adults managing medical conditions, and many more students who have not been successful in the school district.

#### Charter Schools

Charter schools within Clark County operate as independent public schools funded by the state, and are strategically designed to provide alternative educational opportunities to students and their parents. An independent governing body oversees each school. Charter schools are allowed to offer an alternative educational environment within the confines of state law and regulation. In addition, charter schools must meet mandated sponsorship requirements and are monitored by the District and the Nevada Department of Education.

#### Online and Blended Learning

Through its distance education program, the District provides students with online and blended learning at comprehensive elementary, middle, and high schools, and through the Nevada Learning Academy at CCSD for both full-time and part-time students in elementary, middle, and high school. District elementary, middle, and high schools have access to content for site-based online and blended learning programs for original credit and credit retrieval. These online options provide educational opportunities for students in all areas, including general education, special education, and students developing language proficiency.

#### Financial Position

The Board approved the Amended Final Budget for fiscal year 2021 on December 10, 2020. The General Operating Fund budget reflected a total operating budget of approximately \$3.1 billion. This budget also reflected the District's priorities to accomplish the Board's objectives of improving student achievement with a major focus on classroom instruction.

The District provides a website called "Open Book." This website provides insight into District finances and keeps the public informed of how taxpayer money is spent. Some of the interactive tools the Web site includes are for budget comparison, food services analysis, actual salaries and benefits by function, strategic budget by school, and financial reporting that addresses sections of NRS 388G. These tools provide transparency and accountability for the District's budgeted appropriations and staff



positions by department and major functional area. The District encourages community feedback through an online "suggestion book" where visitors can submit ideas for additional budget savings.

#### Long-Term Financial Planning

The District's Demographics, Zoning, and GIS department is responsible for analyzing enrollment trends, student demographics, monitoring residential developments, and engaging in long-term capital planning to ensure sustainable educational environments. During the 2015 Legislative Session, Senate Bills 119 and 207 passed, which extended the authority of the District to issue bonds for construction and renovation of schools through 2025. The District expects to receive \$4.1 billion in capital funds over this 10-year period. On May 30, 2021, the Nevada Legislature adopted SB 450, which was signed by the Governor on June 7, 2021, extending

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the District's authority to issue general obligation bonds secured by the tax rate for debt service of \$0.5534 for another 10 years ending March 3, 2035.

Even with a decline in enrollment the past several years, the District continues to address over capacity schools in specific geographic regions. The District continued to respond to areas of need by opening one new elementary school in the 2020-2021 fiscal year and plans on opening an additional two new schools for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Additionally, the District is replacing older campuses, building additional classrooms in overcrowded campuses, and modernizing major building system failures such as air conditioning and roof replacements. As of June 30, 2021, the total number of schools in operation is 363. Because of the continuous construction of new buildings over the life of the previous 1998 bond program, 14 of the District's 363 schools have been built in the last 10 years, which



makes the average age of a school building 29 years old (see statistical table 21 for more information).

In 2019, the Nevada Legislature adopted the Pupil Centered Funding Plan (PCFP), which became effective July 1, 2021. The PCFP replaces the 54-year old Nevada Plan for School Finance and establishes the State Education Fund to fund public education. In 2021, the Nevada Legislature approved Senate Bill 439 and 458. These two bills lay out the framework to implement the PCFP and fund Nevada's K-12 programs for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

Pledged revenues from the room tax and real property transfer tax in the city and county also secure additional funding for school construction. The District consistently monitors the three main revenue sources for the bond construction program and is required by statute to maintain a debt reserve account to ensure its ability to service the debt.

#### Financial Policies

It is the District's policy that revenue recognition is handled in accordance with the modified accrual accounting method, which requires that the timing of revenue-related inflows of financial resources be considered. GAAP directs that governmental funds recognize revenues "in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual - that is, when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period." Financial resources should be considered available only to the extent they are "collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period." The District uses an availability period of 60 days from its fiscal year end for the purpose of revenue recognition. An example of the District's revenue recognition policy would be the following:

The District receives monies from the Clark County Comptroller's Office and the State of Nevada for personal property and sales taxes, respectively. However, the monies for the current period were not received until after the end of the fiscal year, but within the 60-day period of availability. In these instances, the District records a receivable for taxes and recognizes the revenue.

The Board requires that the District legally adopt a budget for all funds. The budget must be filed with the Clark County auditor, the Nevada Departments of Taxation, and the Nevada Department of Education by June 8, preceding the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1. The budget serves as the foundation for the District's financial planning and control systems.

The appropriated budget of the District is prepared by fund, program (e.g., regular, special, etc.), function (e.g., instruction, transportation, etc.), and object (e.g., salaries, benefits, etc.). State statute allows transfers among programs or functions within a fund if there is no resulting increase in total appropriations and they are made with appropriate administrative approval, with Board advisement.

Expenditures within governmental funds that exceed budgeted appropriations at the function level violate state statute. Within proprietary funds, expenditures should not exceed budgeted operating and non-operating appropriations. Budget-to-actual comparisons are provided in this report for each individual fund.

#### ECONOMIC CONDITION

#### Local Economic Outlook

Clark County's favorable tax base and tax policies helped attract 8 new businesses in the past year. Since Nevada does not impose a corporate tax, personal income tax, franchise tax on income, inventory, estate, inheritance or gift taxes, the state remains a favorable business climate for many companies looking to relocate.

The Clark County housing market remained resilient during the pandemic. In June 2021, the Clark County median home price was \$365,000, an increase of 18.1 percent over the prior year. On June 1, 2021, the Governor announced that all Nevada counties fully reopen to 100 percent capacity. Clark County is expected to return to prepandemic times over the next year as hotels, restaurants, and small businesses sort out hiring and supply chain problems.

#### Gaming and Tourism

Las Vegas is Clark County's largest city and home to 10 of the largest hotels in the country. Over the past two decades, Las Vegas has become known for more than just legalized gaming as visitors are also offered top quality entertainment, fine dining, shopping, recreational, and cultural opportunities. Beyond the Strip and casinos, tourists can enjoy Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Hoover Dam, Mount Charleston, Valley of Fire State Park, and many other outdoor attractions.



Tourism, gaming, and hospitality remain the key drivers for Las Vegas and the surrounding area's economy. While gaming revenue and visitor volume declined due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is expected to see a recovery in 2021 as the city reverts to operating at full capacity.

Las Vegas continues to be one of the top destinations for business travel. To accommodate convention and trade shows, there are multiple state-of-the-art facilities that provide some of the most modern and versatile meeting centers in the world. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority has access to nearly 15 million square feet of meeting and exhibit space, citywide.

#### New Construction in 2020-2021

Koch Real Estate Investments has partnered with Fontainebleau Development to repurchase The Drew Las Vegas, previously called Fontainebleau Las Vegas. The \$3.1 billion project began in 2007 and after multiple owners the project is described as being 75 percent complete. The resort will feature 3,719 rooms and 550,000 square feet of meeting and convention space. The project is expected to create 6,000 new jobs upon completion in 2023.

The Madison Square Garden (MSG) Sphere at the Venetian is a sphere shaped music and entertainment arena currently under construction. The venue will accommodate 17,500 people sitting or 20,000 people standing. The sphere will be equipped with fully immersive LED screens which will spread across the interior of the venue. When the venue is complete the sphere will be 366 feet tall and more than 500 feet wide at it broadest point. The project is estimated to cost \$1.826 billion and to be completed in 2023.

The Astral Company purchased a Motel 8 property located on the south end of the strip in 2018 and will be constructing a new hotel and casino known as the Astral. The Astral will be a 34 story tower with 620 rooms. Ground breaking is scheduled for 2021 with an expected completion in 2022, at a cost of \$350 million.

Brightline West Company has proposed building an all-electric train system between Las Vegas, NV and Victor Valley, CA. The project is expected to cost \$5 billion. It will create over 40,000 construction jobs, and over 1,000 permanent jobs. The train will travel up to 200 miles per hour, remove 400,000 tons of carbon dioxide annually, and will be the cheapest alternative when considering travel between the states. Brightline West expects to break ground in 2022 with completion of the project expected in 2024.



#### Major Initiatives

#### Student Achievement

Focus: 2024, Clark County School District's Five-Year Strategic Plan, articulates a set of priorities and strategies that place students at the core of everything we do. All work is in service of student success because we know that strengthening instruction, operations, and community connections are critical to achieving our ambitious goals. We also know the only way we will transform our system and provide the educational experiences our students deserve is to recruit, support, and retain the people who help us thrive. Focus: 2024 will invest in people to drive student success, ensuring all staff support our students to be ready to succeed in a global society. Under this plan, the District is dedicated to providing students with equitable access to high-quality, rigorous instruction. CCSD will ensure our

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teachers, administrators, and staff have the tools they need to succeed, will provide opportunities for rich and rigorous learning for every student, including more pathways to college and career readiness, will put every available dollar to work efficiently in support of instruction, and will increase family and community engagement to better support our schools and students. Student success targets include all CCSD schools being rated three stars or higher on the Nevada School Performance Framework and at least 90 percent of CCSD students graduating from high school college and career ready.

#### School Organizational Teams (SOT)

NRS 388G mandates that each school has its own SOT consisting of licensed staff members, non-licensed staff members, parents, school principals, students, and community members. These SOTs assist and advise the principal with the development of the budget and school performance plan. For the 2020-2021 school year, the statutes requires that at least 85 percent of unrestricted funds will be in the school budgets.

#### Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVACS)

The NVACS establish clear learning expectations focusing on the concepts and skills that all students need to learn at each

grade level in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and other content areas. As the NVACS are aligned to the expectations of college and career readiness, the standards promote all students being ready to participate in college and careers after successful completion of high school. In addition, the NVACS provide consistent learning expectations to ensure that students, parents/guardians, educators, and community members clearly understand what is expected for every student to learn at each grade level.

#### Nevada Educator Performance Framework (NEPF)

NEPF is the performance model used to evaluate licensed education personnel. Originally, the model was to be implemented at the beginning of school year 2013-2014, and initially required 50 percent of the evaluation be based on student achievement; however, implementation was delayed by both the 2013 and 2015 Legislatures. Each legislative session has seen revisions to the NEPF, most recently during the 2019 and 2021 Legislative Session. Changes included a reduction and exclusions to the student achievement weighting on



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evaluations as well as considerations for class size, student: teacher ratios, and adjusted evaluation ratings.

#### Nevada Accountability System

The District uses the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF), a measurement tool designed by the Nevada Department of Education, which is aligned to meet the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act. The NSPF assigns points relative to specific levels of achievement, growth, English language proficiency, graduation rates, college and career readiness, and student engagement. Schools are annually assigned an overall star rating of one to five stars, relative to total points earned in each of the identified measures. NSPF measures are disaggregated by the seven federally required race/ethnicity subgroups and three special populations that have identified goals in which improvements need to be met annually. Schools demonstrating low overall performance or low performance within subgroups are identified for support and improvement.

Specialized schools serving high-needs students will be evaluated using the Alternative Performance Framework (APF). The APF provides program evaluation for schools that offer services such as credit recovery, behavioral/continuation programs, or special education services for students with identified disabilities. Eligible schools apply to and receive approval from the Nevada State Board of Education in order to be included in the APF.

The School Rating Report for each school is located at <u>www.nevadareportcard.com</u>. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Nevada Department of Education will not publish School Rating Reports for the 2020-2021 school year.

#### AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the District for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. This was the thirty-fifth consecutive year that the District has achieved this prestigious award.

The District also received the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. This was the tenth consecutive year that the District has achieved this prestigious award.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. The District believes the current Comprehensive Annual Financial Report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and will submit it to GFOA and ASBO to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

Timely preparation of this report could not have been accomplished without the efficient and dedicated services of the entire staff of the Accounting Department and the staff of its independent auditors, Eide Bailly LLP. We would like to express our appreciation to all members of the departments who assisted in and contributed to its preparation.

We would also like to thank the members of the Board of School Trustees for their interest and support in planning and conducting the financial operations of the Clark County School District in a responsible and progressive manner.

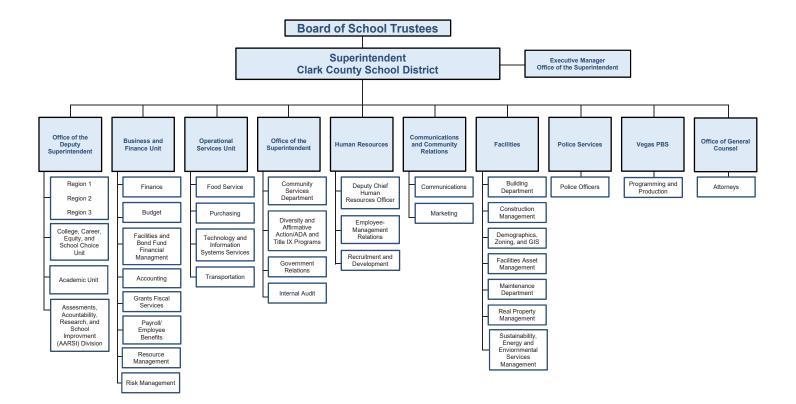
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Jesus F. Jara, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

Jason A. Goudie Chief Financial Officer



# **Organizational Structure**





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June 30, 2020

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## **Clark County School District**

## for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020.

The CAFR meets the criteria established for ASBO International's Certificate of Excellence.



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