



SESSION SPOTLIGHT

February 8, 2019

Welcome to the 2019 edition of the CCSD Session Spotlight! As the 80th Nevada Legislative Session begins, we will strive to bring you a weekly overview on education issues addressed by the Nevada Legislature that might impact CCSD students and educators.

Day One

Despite heavy snowfall leaving up to 6 inches on the ground and newly inaugurated Governor Sisolak closing state offices early, the opening day ceremonies proceeded as planned. In contrast to the frigid temperatures outside, the feeling inside of the building was nothing but warm and friendly as leaders of both legislative houses stressed the importance of civility and treating each other with respect. One particular issue that will be much discussed and deliberated is the K-12 Funding Formula. Both Majority Leader Kelvin Atkinson and Speaker Jason Frierson expressed their desire to update the funding formula in their opening speeches.

Senate Bill 80 – Handle with Care

CCSD's bill, SB80 – Handle with Care – was one of the first bills heard this session. Handle with Care is a national initiative that attempts to provide trauma-informed care for children who experience a traumatic incident. It allows a first responder to send a tip through Safe Voice to a school-based team. This information respects the privacy of the child in a sensitive situation but alerts the school to the student's need for potential school-based services or referrals to wraparound services.

CCSD appreciates the support of the City of Las Vegas, the Children's Advocacy Alliance, the Nevada State Education Association, SafeNest, the Washoe County School District, and the Nevada Association of School Superintendents on SB 80.

Keep up-to-date on hearings scheduled (and rescheduled):

You can utilize the [“Calendar of Meetings”](#) on the Nevada Legislature Web site. There you will find the most updated list of committee meeting dates and times as well as the bills listed for each agenda.

[Current Scheduled Meetings for the Week of February 11, 2019.](#)

Want to Learn More?

For a full list of bills we are tracking, [click here](#).

Here are other tools to help you follow the Legislature on a daily basis:

The Legislative Counsel Bureau runs the [Nevada Electronic Legislative Information Service](#), affectionately named NELIS, which is a one-stop shop for all things related to the Nevada Legislature.

Two very useful features of NELIS are its calendar and bill tracking functions. The calendar is updated constantly and will help inform you on when and where bills are scheduled to be heard (with a link to watch the hearing live).

NELIS' bill tracking function is called the Personalized Legislative Tracker, known as PLT. You can [sign up](#) for free to track up to 10 BDRs, bills, and budgets. Once you have an account you can track any bill or budget that is introduced during the 2019 Legislative Session. If you don't know the exact bill number of a particular topic, PLT can narrow down the list of bills that matter to you and will automatically send updates and information on actions taken by the Nevada Legislature.

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We look forward to sharing with you the issues related to education throughout the 120-day session of the 2019 Nevada Legislature.