



F-TROOP

NEWSLETTER



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District F

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2009 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- 03/02/09 full day (snow make-up day)
- 04/03/09 Spring Break Begins
- 04/13/09** Classes Resume** (after Spring Break)
- 05/25/09 Memorial Day
- 06/04/09 Last Day of School (9 month)

For a complete list of calendar dates access [CCSD 2009 School Calendar](#)

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- March 12, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- March 26, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- April 02, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- April 23, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

The above board meetings are held at:
Edward A Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121
Access the district's website [Clark County School District](#)

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

- March 03, 2009, 5:30 p.m.
- March 13, 2009, 8:00 a.m. (Culley ES)
- March 25, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
- April 01, 2009 9:00 a.m.

Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

PLEASE NOTE: Work Sessions are held on Wednesday mornings.

UNSATISFACTORY NOTICES DISTRIBUTED:

In addition to the parent communication system available on school websites, Trimester Progress Reports/Unsatisfactory Notices for students will be distributed on:

- 9 month distributed:
10/02/08, 01/16/09, 4/24/09
- 12 month, tracks 3, 4, 5 distributed:
10/02/08, 02/13/09, 5/22/09
- 12 month, tracks 1 & 2 distributed:
10/24/08, 03/06/09, 06/19/09
- modified 9 month distributed:
09/19/08, 11/26/08, 02/13/09, 05/08/09

If your child is absent on the above date, please contact your child's school to make arrangements to receive the notice.

PLEASE NOTE: Notices will not be mailed home.

REPORT CARDS: Contact your child's school regarding the distribution date of report cards.

Dear School District F Constituents:

As the legislature moves through the process of establishing a budget for the next biennium, I want to encourage everyone to be in contact with your representatives, expressing your opinion on education issues. You can access email and meeting information at: www.leg.state.nv.us

As legislative chairwoman for the Nevada Association of School Boards, I was in Washington, D.C. lobbying on behalf of all seventeen school districts. Of course, the stimulus package was the major focus of Congress at that time, but I was able to address other issues including:

- _ Increasing the federal investment in education
- _ Recommendations to improve the No Child Left Behind Act
- _ Recommendations to improve federal programs aimed at strengthening teacher quality
- _ Continuation of school-based Medicaid reimbursements
- _ Early childhood education

With regard to the renewal of the No Child Left Behind act, I advocated for the following:

1. Overall flexibility in application—free of mandates
2. Valid and reliable assessments, especially for ELL and students with disabilities
3. Multiple measures for academic achievement
4. The use of growth models to measure achievement
5. The facilitation of strategic interventions rather than sanctions
6. Full funding for the federal requirements

For more information on our budget situation and board activities, please come to my next F-Troop meeting which is March 11, 2009 at Marion Earl Elementary School at 9:30am.

I thank all of you for staying focused on what is important in education: the academic achievement of our children. Thank a teacher!

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

SAVE THE DATES:

2009 F-TROOP Meetings are:
March 11: Marion Earl ES; April 15: Pat Diskin ES; May 13: Helen Jydstrup ES.
All meetings start at 9:30 a.m. Additional meeting information is located on the 2nd page!

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2009 F-TROOP MEETING DATE AND HOSTING SCHOOL

2009

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

School: Marion Earl ES

Address: 6650 West Reno Avenue

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

School: Pat A. Diskin ES

Address: 4220 Ravenwood Drive

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

School: Helen Jydstrup ES

Address: 5150 Duneville Street

Speak Up for K-12 Education

75th regular session of the Nevada State Legislature is under way now

As the Nevada State Legislature moves into its 75th regular session, K-12 education is once again a very hot topic.

While the happenings in Carson City may seem distant and sometimes difficult to follow, the impact of the decisions made there are far-reaching and long-lasting. School districts around the state have already suffered major cut. To date, the Clark County School District has already cut or eliminated funding totaling more than **\$135 million**. These cuts include more than 250 administrative positions being cut or left vacant. While efforts have been made to ensure that these cuts have little effect on our classrooms, this cannot continue to be the case if further cuts are required. For this reason it is important that supporters of K-12 education speak up and share their thoughts and ideas with our elected officials.

There are several ways to get involved and make your voice heard.



Flags fly over the Nevada State Capitol as the 75th regular session of the Nevada State Legislature is under way.

Visit the Nevada State Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us. There you will find helpful information about your own representatives, bills moving through the Assembly and the Senate, personalized bill tracking, frequently asked questions and more. This website will also allow you to watch live, streaming video of many of the sessions.

Learn more about iNVEST, the plan for improving K-12 education in the state of Nevada. This plan is a collaborative effort between all 17 superintendents in the state and can be found at www.investk12nevada.org.

Find out who your representatives are by visiting www.leg.state.nv.us. Locate the link on the right side of the page that will help you determine not only who your representatives are and how to contact them, but what districts you live in.

Contact your legislator. A well-written letter is one of the best ways to let your legislator know your thoughts and opinions about a particular issue.

Put a message in your own words. Form letters and petitions don't have the same impact as personal, informed opinions.

Testify at a Hearing. One of the most important opportunities to become involved in the debate over a bill is when it's the subject of a hearing before a legislative committee. You can communicate personally with legislators at any time about any bill, but the committee hearing is the occasion when anyone may publicly approve, oppose, or suggest changes to a bill.

While it may not be possible to attend hearings in person in Carson City, the Legislature does make it possible to participate in some hearings by video-conference at locations around Southern Nevada. Announcements and lists of scheduled hearings are posted at www.leg.state.nv.us.

Sign up for weekly legislative updates on K-12 bills. Each week an email is sent from district staff and lobbyists that includes the latest on all bills affecting CCSD. Call the Board Office, 799-1072, to be added to the email list.

As the legislature moves forward it is critical that supporters of K-12 education in Southern Nevada do not go unheard. Together we can ensure that the students of Clark County and the state of Nevada are not forgotten and continue to achieve.

“Discover the Mysteries of the World: READ”

Nevada Reading Week – March 2-6



Trustee Sheila Moulton participates in Nevada Reading Week 2008 activities by reading to students at a local elementary school

In 1987 the Nevada Department of Education began a statewide initiative for Nevada teachers and librarians to celebrate reading through shared literacy-focused activities called Nevada Reading Week.

This year, Nevada Reading Week will be held March 2-6, 2009. This year's theme is **“Discover the Mysteries of the World: Read.”** Many local celebrities, parents and community members will participate in the festivities by telling stories and reading to CCSD students. Schools also host exciting literacy-based activities to encourage students to focus on the importance of reading.

The CCSD has long been committed to promoting literacy among students. Each school is equipped with a library and the district employs nearly 300 librarians who provide support to classroom teachers and maintain library services at local schools.

For more information about Nevada Reading Week activities taking place within your community, contact your local school. And remember, reading can be celebrated and enjoyed all year long.

“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.”

--Joseph Addison--