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DISTRICT B NEWSLETTER



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Important Dates

- 09-28-09 Progress Reports Distributed
- 10-08-09 District-wide Staff Development Day (no-school)
- 10-30-09 Observe Nevada Day (no school)
- 11-02-09 District-wide Staff Development Day (no school)
- 11-11-09 Veterans Day (no school)
- 11-16/20-09 American Education Week
- 11-18-09 Reports Cards distributed
- 11-26/27-09 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)

Regular Board Meetings

- September 10, 2009, 4:00 pm
- September 24, 2009, 4:00 pm
- October 08, 2009, 4:00 pm
- October 22, 2009, 4:00 pm

Special Board Meetings/Work Sessions

October 7, 2009, 9:00 am

Board meetings are held at:
Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89121

Welcome District B

Another school year is underway, and as students arrive back in the classroom, it appears that the Clark County School District will once again see an increase in size. Projections are for us to reach 313,688 students by count day on September 18, 2009. Although modest in comparison to the growth we've traditionally seen, it is still an increase. Given the economic times, it does give a telling glimpse of what the future may bring once the economy in Las Vegas fully recovers.

As many of you know, the Clark County School District as a whole did not make Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) under the federal program, No Child Left Behind. AYP can be a confusing system of accountability that does not always give a true picture of a school's performance. For a more detailed look at AYP, visit the Nevada Department of Education's website at www.doe.nv.gov/AYP.htm.

AYP is one way to hold school districts and educators accountable; however, a more accurate assessment of how your child's school is measuring up is the Quality Assurance Framework (QAF). This report gives a much clearer view of where your school is meeting or exceeding the bar or in some cases where it needs improvement. To access the QAF, go to http://ccsd.net/trustees/pdf/Monitoring_Report.pdf

US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan recently visited Las Vegas to meet with teachers, families, Board members, and Nevada School District Superintendents. His message is one that I think we can all agree upon. *That as a nation we can no longer tolerate schools that are consistently performing poorly or that don't meet the needs of our students and thus result in lower graduation rates and higher dropout rates.* Although CCSD has many schools that are excelling in all areas, we are not immune to this harsh reality. I am committed to work with my fellow Board members, the Superintendent, staff, and the community in addressing our areas of weakness, looking toward innovative solutions, and making the changes that are needed.

A vital piece to solving this puzzle is parent involvement and the ideas you bring to the table. I invite you to attend the Area 1 Parent Advisory Meeting on September 17th at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will take place at the Area 1 (formerly the NE region) office located at 2490 Maverick Street, Las Vegas on the Mojave High School Campus. I look forward to meeting you there!

Chris Garvey, Trustee, District B

P.S. The forms for Free and Reduced lunch and breakfast are available in the front office at your child's school. This program is funded with **YOUR** federal dollars. I encourage everyone who is eligible to apply; it is easy, and all information is confidential. To see the new income qualifying levels visit <http://ccsd.net/foodservice/2-IncomeEligibility.html>. For more information please call 1-800-819-7556.

FAST FACT: *The CCSD Food Service bakery produces up to 20,000 cinnamon buns a day; and they're good too!*

*Clark County School District
Police Department*

*Operation Crime Free Schools
Tip Hotline: 799-0228
Call the school district police to report
suspicious activity at your school
You can remain anonymous.*

*2009-2010 Fall Athletic Schedule
can be found at*

<http://www.ccsd.net/CPD/athletics/fallsports/fall.html>

