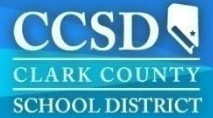




# PACE

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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**APRIL 2009**

*District E*

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

- 04/03/09.....Spring Break Begins
- 04/13/09.....Classes Resume
- 04/22/09.....Administrative Professionals Day
- 04/23/09.....Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day

For a complete list of calendar dates access [CCSD 2009-2010 School Calendar](#)

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- April 2, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- April 23, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

The above Board meetings will be held at the Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room, 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

April 14, 2009, 8:00 a.m.

The above Board meeting will be held at the Administrative Center, Conference Room 466, 5100 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89146.

Access the district's website at [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net)

### DID YOU KNOW?

**Embrace the Game** is a nonprofit organization that motivates, inspires, and supports student-athletes to academic, athletic, and personal success. As students learn to embrace every aspect of their "game," they will learn how to connect the dots in order to be the best student, athlete, and citizen possible. **Embrace the Game** has the following programs available for its high school participants: Specialized Sports Curriculum, School-Wide Student-Athlete Curriculum, and Embracing Parenting Workshops. For more information you can go to: [www.embracethegame.org](http://www.embracethegame.org).

A special thank you to Garside Junior High School and Stephanie Wong, Principal, for hosting our March PACE (Parent Advisory Committee District E) meeting. Allison Serafin, Teach For America Executive Director, provided an insightful look into their program and the benefits of having a strong teacher in the classroom.

Please join us on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 9:30 a.m. at Katz Elementary School, Library, 1800 Rock Springs Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128, telephone number 799-4330. Dr. Walt Rulfes, Superintendent of Schools, will be our speaker and available for a question and answer session.

### PAUL CULLEY ELEMENTARY EMPOWERMENT SCHOOL TEACHER HONORED AS SOUTHWEST DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Jurgen Kraehmer for being honored as the Southwest District Elementary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) at its national convention in Tampa, Florida, March 30 – April 4.

### ROBOTICS COMPETITION



Congratulations to Cimarron Memorial HS (CMHS) for an outstanding showing at the Regional Robotics Tournament held here in Las Vegas. CMHS took first place and will be traveling to Atlanta, GA for the national competition. Go Spartans! We wish you luck.

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### "BOARD HIGHLIGHTS" AVAILABLE ONLINE

Miss the last Board meeting?

**"Board Highlights" is now available online to recap important decisions and upcoming votes that impact education in Clark County.**

Look for it every Friday following a regular Board meeting at [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net).

### PAC MEETINGS

Each trustee hosts monthly Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings to promote communication with parents and community members and to provide information about important issues in education.

For more information about upcoming PAC meetings, please visit [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net).

## Board Leadership Provides District Direction



Overseeing the fifth largest school district in the United States is no easy task. But the Board of School Trustees has adopted tools and governance models to help them ensure student achievement and fiscal responsibility goals are continually being met.

The board follows a model of governing called Policy Governance. This method allows the board to set the vision for public education in the district and to develop policies that direct this vision.

The Board's vision statement defines the overall mission of the CCSD and directs the superintendent to ensure that: "All students have the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values necessary to achieve academically, prosper economically and participate in democracy." To achieve this vision, the board sets specific goals. These goals, also called "Ends," define expectations for the students. The "Ends" define the desired outcomes or results and are

monitored frequently by the board in the form of audits and reports.

One common misconception is that the Trustees make all decisions and vote on all items related to curriculum, student discipline, employee relations, etc. While the Trustees have ultimate responsibility for the outcome of these decisions, they are not responsible for the day-to-day managing of the district and its employees. That role is delegated to the Superintendent who was hired by the Board and undergoes regular evaluations to ensure his/her performance meets the goals and visions outlined by the board.

Policy Governance has been a valuable tool for the board and allows them to focus on the overall vision and mission of the district, which centers on student achievement.

To view the board in action, attend one of their public meetings. A schedule of meetings and copies of all board regulations and policies are available online at [www.ccsd.net/trustees](http://www.ccsd.net/trustees).

### Did You Know? 2009: Test your knowledge of the CCSD

- **Enrollment:** Student enrollment in 2008-09 is 311,240, up from 308,783. The number of students enrolled in all other Nevada schools is 121,339.

- **Schools:** The district currently operates 347 schools. Seven of those schools opened in 2008.

- **Teachers:** The number of teachers employed with CCSD this year is 18,168. 63% of those teachers hold Master's degrees. This past school year the district hired 1,640 new teachers.

- **Transportation:** 1,467 buses transport more than 110,000 students to school each day. Last year these buses traveled more than 20 million miles.

- **Languages:** 110 different languages are spoken by CCSD students.

- **Supplies:** Last year, the district purchased 750,000 pencils, 686,700 paperclips and one million crayons.

- **Food:** 27.5 million cartons of milk, 397,000 deli sandwiches and 1.9 million packages of apples slices were served to CCSD students last year.

## Opinions Matter on "School Matters"

Thursday, April 16, 8-9 p.m.  
Vegas PBS

The Board of School Trustees invites members of the public to tune in and chime in during the next installment of "School Matters." The live, call-in show will be broadcast on Vegas PBS, Channel 10, on Thursday, April 16, beginning at 8 p.m.

This production of "School Matters" will focus on the issues facing K-12 education during the current legislative session and ways you can get involved in the process.

The show will provide viewers the opportunity to pose questions to board members and school district staff regarding the current topic thru email prior to the show or by calling the number that will be listed on the screen that night. Community members can email questions thru the CCSD website, [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net) at any time for possible discussion on air.

"School Matters" is part of the Board of School Trustees' ongoing commitment to reach out to the community and solicit public input and discussion on education topics.

For more information about "School Matters" and to submit your topic-related question, visit [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net).

### Parents, what do you think?

Let us know by participating in the annual CCSD Parent Survey. You can access the survey online at [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net). In order to complete the survey, you will need your child's student ID number, which you can obtain at your child's school.

The survey will only be available until **April 15**.

Survey results provide CCSD with valuable information for its annual monitoring report.

The move to an online survey format is new this year and will save the district approximately \$40,000 in printing costs. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the survey, please call 799-1187.