



DISTRICT G NEWSLETTER



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District G

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION
ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- 01/07/08.....*Classes Resume
- 01/21/08.....Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
- 01/25/08.....Staff Development

For a complete list of calendar dates access

[Important Dates 07-08.pdf](#)

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- January 10, 2008 4:00 p.m.
- January 24, 2008 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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

- Organization and Work Session
January 7, 2008 9:00 a.m.
- January 14, 2008 9:00 a.m.

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

DISTRICT G PAC MEETING:

- January 9, 2008 9:15 a.m.
- East Region Office
Corner of Eastern/Vegas Valley

OPINION MATTERS ON "SCHOOL MATTERS"

The public is invited to join us for this live
call-in show to be broadcast on

Vegas PBS, Channel 10,
January 31, 2008 8:00 p.m.

The program will focus on
Senate Bill 408 -Money to promote
community partnership

2008 Bond Public Input Meetings

In January, the public is invited to join us with
their input on the following matters:
January 7, 2008 6:00 p.m. Chaparral High School
January 8, 2008 6:00 p.m. Western High School

Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC)

For meeting locations and times, visit
www.ccsd.net

Dear PAC Members:

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful Holiday with family and friends. During the week following January 1, 2008, and no school is in session, many of us will be able to vacation, explore our own community, and relax in preparation for school beginning January 7th. I received several new books and look forward to reading and sharing new knowledge with my family.

Our next PAC meeting will be held January 9, 2008. I will have available for members to review the latest Board's monitoring reports from the Superintendent that will show the progress of the district. The Superintendent has identified well over 100 indicators that are now being monitored. I know you will find it of your best interest to review these targets to see where we are at present and identify our goals. Please plan on attending this meeting on January 9th at 9:15 a.m. at the East Region Office on the southeast corner of Valley High School. Please note that all are welcome and may bring friends to attend this wonderful educational opportunity.

Two very important meetings on the 2008 Bond issue will be held. One of the two meetings will be held at the Chaparral High School Theater located at 3850 Annie Oakley Drive on January 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. I specifically asked the Superintendent to hold one of the two meetings at Chaparral so that the community members from District G could get information and ask questions about the upcoming Bond and how it will impact Chaparral High School, Eldorado High School, and other older schools in District G. Parents and other community members should plan to be in attendance to address their questions and/or concerns about how this Bond will balance new school construction along with planned renovations and rebuilding of our older schools.

CCSD is pleased to announce the opening of the new Career and Technical Center on Vegas Valley at Hollywood in August 2008 as well as the new high school on Carey Avenue at Los Feliz in August 2009. In conjunction with these new openings, the school district must realize the needs of more mature schools and look toward renovations or, in some cases, phased replacement over a number of years. One new elementary school has also been sited across from Richard Rundle Elementary School, and we are in hopes of having a new elementary school sited from the 1998 School Bond. Public support of this meeting is **MANDATORY** if DISTRICT G concerns are to be addressed... **PLEASE** plan on attending.

As the first semester draws to a close, please continue to support your children's educational endeavors. As parents, the responsibility for your children's education is paramount. If parents are involved in their children's education...children will be successful. I know you have heard me say that many times in the past, and I know I am "preaching to the choir," but we need to carry this message to other parents through PTA, parent groups, and community activities.

Happy New Year to all of you, and I will see you on January 7th at Chaparral High School at 6:00 p.m. and again at the PAC meeting on January 9th.

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Trustee

Students "STEP UP" for Education in Clark County

As Clark County School District continues to grow at a record setting pace, the need for highly-qualified educators has never been greater. With a talented pool of high school students who have a strong desire to teach, the Student to Teacher Enlistment Project Undergraduate Program (STEP UP) was designed to increase the number of local teachers trained and retained in Clark County.

STEP UP, a nationally award-winning program, is currently available at eight comprehensive high schools including Chaparral HS, Cheyenne HS, Desert Pines HS, Eldorado HS, Mojave HS, Rancho HS, Silverado HS and Valley HS. The program is the result of a partnership between the school district, Clark County Education Association Community Foundation, College of Southern Nevada, and Nevada State College. It was founded with the belief that if an incentive could be offered to help local students attend college and perhaps even accelerate their course work, then these students would not only be more likely to pursue a career in education but would also be inclined to remain in the community in which they were raised. The incentive came in the form of grants that amount to the equivalent of a \$20,000 college scholarship.

In exchange for financial aide that allows them to begin college courses while still in high school, graduates are expected to teach full-time for the school district for a minimum of four years upon completion of their degree. STEP UP Project Facilitator Michelle Panik believes the program allows students to not only gain an education, but to give back to their communities as well.

“This program offers an incredible opportunity for our students to receive a

free education and make a difference in the community,” Panik said. “The school district is always ready to welcome talented educators and this program allows us to benefit from the talent we have in our own backyard.”



STEP UP students at Chaparral HS hope to someday teach in Clark County.

Students in the STEP UP program begin college classes their junior year in high school and build both their high school and college transcripts simultaneously, earning dual credit for the college course work. General education core courses are taught by College of Southern Nevada instructors on the student’s home campus as part of the regular school day. As a result of this arrangement, students enrolled in the STEP UP program will have between one-third and one-half of their college degree completed by the time they graduate from high school. Upon completing their Associate of Arts degree at College of Southern Nevada, students transfer to Nevada State College to earn their Bachelor’s Degree. All tuition and book fees are paid for through the STEP UP scholarship.

Panik believes the program has already had a positive impact on the community and education throughout Clark County. She notes that many of the students who have enrolled in STEP UP are first generation college students and will be the first members of their family to earn a college degree.

“It’s exciting to think that in just three years, STEP UP has more than tripled in size from 100 to more than 300 students,” Panik said. “Our first group of teachers will emerge in December 2008 and several of our students are already employed as Instructional Aides for the school district.”

It takes commitment and dedication to participate in STEP UP. Students interested in the program must first complete an application and interview during the spring semester of their sophomore year. Additionally students must have a strong desire to pursue a career in education and attend classes at Nevada State College upon graduation from high school. STEP UP requires a minimum grade point average of 2.75, and eligible students must have passed Algebra I or Applied Algebra IA and B by the end of their sophomore year. Students must have excellent attendance and have no record of discipline problems. It is strongly recommended that applicants have earned either “A” and “B” grades in English and math courses.

“Students in STEP UP know exactly what they want to pursue in life,” Panik said. “They understand that passing along knowledge is a wonderful gift.”

Anyone interested in more information on STEP UP should call 799-1047.