



# DISTRICT G

## NEWSLETTER



Sheila Moulton

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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2009 SCHOOL YEAR

- 03/01/09.....Music in Our Schools Month
- 03/01/09.....Youth Art Month
- 03/02/09.....Snow Day Makeup
- 03/02-03/09.....Nevada Reading Week  
(Theme: Discover the Mysteries of the World)
- 03/04/09.....CCSD Librarians' Day
- 03/08/09.....Daylight Saving Time begins
- 03/20/09.....First Day of Spring

For a complete list of calendar dates, access [CCSD 2008-2009 School Calendar](#)

#### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

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

#### SPECIAL MEETINGS:

- March 3, 2009, 5:30 p.m.  
Edward A. Greer Education Center Board Room  
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121  
March 13, 2009, 8:00 a.m.
- Paul E. Culley Empowerment School, Room 15  
1200 N. Mallard Street, Las Vegas, NV 89108  
March 25, 2009, 9:00 a.m.  
Edward A. Greer Education Center Board Room  
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

#### DISTRICT G PAC MEETING:

- March 11, 2009, 9:15 a.m.  
East Region Office  
Corner of Eastern/Vegas Valley

#### Legislative Updates Available Online

Visit [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us) to find your representatives, contact your legislators, keep up on the latest session news, follow specific bills and see a calendar of hearings and opportunities to participate.

#### Coming up on the next School Matters

Legislative Updates  
Get the latest information on legislative issues affecting K-12 education, April 16, 2009, 8-9 p.m.  
Vegas PBS, Channel 10

Dear PAC Members:

Our March meeting will host Superintendent Dr. Walt Rulfes as our guest. [Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11th at 9:15 a.m. at the East Region Office.](#) Please join us. Dr. Rulfes is an excellent presenter, and I am sure he will share the gains the District has met this past year and also discuss the challenges of the budget and continued need to improve the graduation rate and the academic achievement of many of our students. I would hope that there would be at least 1 representative from all of the 40 Schools in District G. Also, feel free to invite other interested parents and community members. I am sure that the Superintendent will engage any questions that you may have.

At the March PAC Meeting, we will also discuss your contacts with our legislators. I have had the opportunity to attend several legislative hearings at the Sawyer building, and have also emailed and received replies from several legislators. I was pleased to see that the Assembly has passed the increase in room tax. Although this will help, we must keep working to make sure that Clark County gets the needed help from this revenue as well as the federal stimulus payment, and any other resources the legislature may look for to meet the needs of our students. We must remain diligent in parent involvement in the education of their students and continue to hold staff and Board members accountable for increased learning.

As spring appears, and the weather warms, I remind all of you to make sure your students are in school each and every day. Important tests are coming up, and preparing for those exams is mandatory for our children. Although my children have all moved on to adulthood, I remember making sure that they were in their classes when they should be. Employers share with us that being at work every day is a needed skill to be a good employee...good attendance begins in school.

By now, the attendance zones for the 2009-10 school year have been established and possible calendar changes will be announced by the end of March. Please be aware of these changes and give any input to your local administration you feel is important. One of the goals of the School Board is to offer parents more input and more choices in the decisions made on behalf of their students. I cannot thank you enough for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you on March 11<sup>th</sup> and hearing your questions and concerns.

Please feel free to contact me on any issues you feel are important.

Sheila Moulton, Trustee  
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## Speak Up for K-12 Education

### 75<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Nevada State Legislature is

As the Nevada State Legislature moves into its 75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Nevada State Legislature is under way,*

Visit the Nevada State Legislature's website at [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://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](http://www.investk12nevada.org).

**Find out who your representatives are** by visiting [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://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](http://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--***