



# DISTRICT G NEWSLETTER



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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2009 SCHOOL YEAR

- 4/03/09.....Spring Break Begins
- 4/13/09.....Classes resume (after Spring Break)
- 4/22/09.....Administrative Professionals Day
- 4/23/09.....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:  
Edward A. Greer Education Center Board Room  
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

[Access the district's website at www.ccsd.net for board agendas and reference materials](#)

### SPECIAL MEETING:

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

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

### DISTRICT G PAC MEETING:

April 16, 2009, 9:15 a.m.  
East Region Office  
Corner of Eastern/Vegas Valley

### "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](#).

### 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](#).

Dear PAC Members:

It is April and the 4th quarter of school is underway for our 9-month schools and will be shortly for our year-round schools. Zoning has been completed, and any calendar changes have been sent to our schools and parents so that you can begin planning for our 2009-10 school year. Do you remember when we were worried about the turn of the new century? It seems like only yesterday, and now we are approaching 2010. The Goal Year of No Child Left Behind, 2014, is just around the corner when all students are to be at grade level. I know we will not make that unrealistic goal, but student achievement continues to be the goal of CCSD. We have increased every year with more and more children working at grade level; but a lot more work needs to be done. I appreciate Dr. Rulfes attending our March PAC meeting and for the questions and discussion so many of you shared with him. He commented on what a well-informed group of parents you are. I know you are concerned about your students' education and also the education of all students in Clark County.

**Our next PAC meeting will be held on THURSDAY, APRIL 16th.** Please note this is a change because of Spring Break and the availability of the East Region Office. I have tried not to change dates often; but hope you can still attend. We will be discussing the interaction of regions in support of the Del Sol CEAB, the current legislative activities, your continued involvement in legislation, ParentLink information, calendar changes taking place, and, of course, the all important budget cuts and how they are affecting individual schools and student achievement.

I hope all of you will plan on attending and bringing your specific concerns and questions to my attention. I would like to thank the East Region for their attendance at our last meeting and for the way they have followed through on specific school questions. Communication from parents to the region leadership and also school administration is an important process in effective school/family participation. CCSD cannot solve problems unless they are aware of them.

I hope all of you are taking advantage of email to communicate with your legislators and following the work they are doing in Carson City. You can view all of the committee meetings via the internet--very interesting--and follow the work they are doing on the budget.

I had the opportunity to meet in Washington, D.C. with the 66 largest school districts and hear about the stimulus money that is headed for education. I am currently watching the governor and legislature because they will receive, statewide, over 350 million dollars for education, and I want to make sure those \$\$\$\$\$\$ make it to Clark County schools and our students. We will talk more about this on April 16th.

Again, I thank you for your continued support and look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on Thursday, April 16th at 9:15 a.m. at the East Region Office.

Sheila Moulton, 431-8575  
Trustee

## 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.