



# A-TEAM NEWSLETTER



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District A

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

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- 03/17-21/08...Spring Break
- 03/24/08.....\* Classes Resume
- 04/14/08.....Staff Development Day
- 05/26/08.....Memorial Day
- 06/04/08.....Last Day of School (9 month)
- 06/18/08.....Last Day of School (modified 9 month)

For a complete list of calendar dates access [Important Dates 07-08.pdf](#)

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- March 10, 2008, 12:30 p.m.
- March 27, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
- April 10, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
- April 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 Access the district's website at [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net)

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

- March 4, 2008, 5:30 p.m. (AZAC)
- March 10, 2008, 9:00 a.m. (Work Session)

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

April 7, 2008, 9:00 a.m. (Work Session)  
The location for the above meeting will be announced as scheduled.

### PROGRESS REPORTS UNSATISFACTORY NOTICES DISTRIBUTED:

In addition to the parent communication system available on school websites, Progress Reports/Unsatisfactory Notices will be distributed to students on 5/2/08. If your child is absent on the above date, please contact your child's school to make arrangements to receive the notice.

Please Note: Notices will not be mailed home.

### TEACHERS WILL ISSUE QUARTER GRADES FOR THE 2007- 2008 SCHOOL YEAR ON:

Quarter:	Quarter Ends:	Report Cards
Three	March 28	April 16
Four	June 4	June 13-mailed

I am troubled, with the rest of our community, by the recent shootings near our schools. I commend Dr. Ruffes for his response to the incidents and for his close work with Metro and other entities to ensure the safety of our students not only in school, but on the streets around our schools. I believe that school is one of the safest places for children. We all can take part to make sure students are safe once they leave school. I also believe that parents are the key to safety and achievement, and would encourage all of us to keep a watchful eye to know the company our children keep, where they are, what their activities are.

Many thanks to Joyce Haldeman for her presentation at the February A-Team/Southeast Region PAC meeting—and also to Burkholder Middle School for hosting the meeting. We learned about the history of bond elections in Clark County, and the amazing success of the 1998 bond (88 schools promised, 101 delivered). She explained the rationale for the 2008 bond that will come before voters in November, which will probably ask to continue the present tax configuration—no new taxes—for a \$9 billion program, which will fund approximately \$5 million in new construction (53 schools) and \$4 million in modernization. We also appreciated Mark McGinty, from S H Architecture, for showing the many energy saving features in the rebuilt Burkholder.

We continue to monitor the state-required cuts in education. The superintendent is looking at areas where cuts can be made, and many community members took part in an informal survey. Potential areas for decreases are: deferred purchases, deferred filling of vacant administrative positions, and cutting early retirement incentives. We are still in hopes that the Governor will apply the extra \$40 million found by the state to the education cuts.

**Reminder: There will be no meeting in March. The next meeting will be April 10, 9:30 a.m. at Greenspun Junior High.**

Some notes:

- Congratulations to the CCSD facilities department for receipt of the Nevada Taxpayers Association Cashman Good Government Award. The award recognizes public sector organizations for "efficient and timely service to Nevada citizens in a cost-effective, fiscally responsible manner." The district has saved about \$40 million in energy costs in the last ten years, with nearly \$10 million in savings in 2007.
- Congratulations to Dr. Andre Denson, the Southeast Region Superintendent for receiving the Excellence in Educational Leadership Award from the UNLV PK-12 Educational Leadership Program. This was one of 70 awards given nationally, and requires meeting national standards in teaching and research. We appreciate Dr. Denson's commitment to excellence in leadership.
- We are now taking applications for the new audit committee. Members of the committee will serve on a volunteer basis and will need a financial background to review district audits and advise the Board of Trustees. The application is posted on the district website at [ccsd.net](http://ccsd.net), and is due by March 31. For more information call the Board office at 799-1072.
- If there is a teacher or staff member at your school who stands out and goes the extra mile, honor them with a RAVE Review. Ask at the office of any school for a RAVE Review form!

Thank you,  
Mary Beth

DISTRICT A-TEAM MEETINGS: Plan on joining us for the District A-Team Meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., at Greenspun JHS, 140 N. Valle Verde, Henderson, Nevada 2008 A-TEAM Meeting: May 8, 2008. A-TEAM Meetings are not held during the summer months and will resume in September.

