



# YOU PAC NEWSLETTER



*Dr. Linda E. Young*

**FEBRUARY 2009**

*District C*

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2009 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- 02/16/09 Presidents' Day
- 03/02/09 Staff Development Day
- 04/03/09 Spring Break Begins
- 04/13/09\*\* Classes Resume\*\* (after Spring Break)
- 05/25/09 Memorial Day
- 06/04/09 Last Day of School (9 month)

For a complete list access [CCSD 2009 School Calendar](#)

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- February 12, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- February 26, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- 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  
Access the district's website [Clark County School District](#)

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

- February 04, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
- March 04, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** Work Sessions are now held on Wednesday mornings.

February 03, 2009, 8:00 a.m. Special Board Meeting  
(Audit Committee)  
Administrative Center, Room 466  
5100 W. Sahara Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89146

### UNSATISFACTORY NOTICES DISTRIBUTED:

In addition to the parent communication system available on school websites, Trimester Progress Reports/Unsatisfactory Notices for students will be distributed on:

- 9 month distributed:  
10/02/08, 01/16/09, 4/24/09
- 12 month, tracks 3, 4, 5 distributed:  
10/02/08, 02/13/09, 5/22/09
- 12 month, tracks 1 & 2 distributed:  
10/24/08, 03/06/09, 06/19/09
- modified 9 month distributed:  
09/19/08, 11/26/08, 02/13/09, 05/08/09

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.

**REPORT CARDS:** Contact your child's school regarding the distribution date of report cards

Dear District "C" Parents, CCSD Staff, Students, Community, and Friends:

I am extending a special invitation to you to attend our first YOU PAC meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at Kermit Booker Elementary School. My first YOU PAC Newsletter will provide you with updated school and community educational information highlighted by me, Linda E. Young, your newly elected school trustee for District C and Clark County School District (CCSD) staff. However, before I begin this newsletter, please join me in acknowledging the dedicated and student-focused work of Mrs. Shirley Barber, school board trustee who elegantly represented District C for the past 12 years with dignity and boldness. In her tenure on the CCSD school board, Mrs. Barber emphasized the five C's that embodied District C which are Community, Courage, Caring, Change, and Children. My commitment is to enhance her vision and proudly carry the District C torch representing excellence and academic achievement for ALL students.

Please allow me to give you a little of my background. I have worked as an educator for the past 40 years, the last 32 1/2 years here in the Clark County School District (CCSD). I began my educational career as a high school teacher, then became a school psychologist, dean of students, assistant principal, principal and director of various district-wide educational program with my last position as the director of Equity and Diversity Education Department for CCSD. I have also been an adjunct instructor at Nova University and University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

I've lived in the District C Community for the past 29 years and I'm committed to educational excellence for our schools and community. With my neighbors, we founded the Northwest Area Residents Association (NARA) in order to preserve the lifestyle and rights of families living in our community. Community members respected my hard work and dedication, and elected me president of NARA.

But enough about me, there are real financial, educational, and program issues in the CCSD. We're facing budget shortfalls, inadequately funded schools and programs, and a challenging student graduation and dropout rates. It is my commitment that together we can make a positive change in these educational challenges. As your school trustee for District C, I will listen and respond to the concerns and suggestions of parents, teachers, administrators, community members, and, of course, students. I am committed to having a more open and collaborative school district, and I need your help to do it. The African Proverbs states that: "It takes a village to raise a child" and "It also takes a village to educate a child." I need your support in District C so that we will be the agent of community change, through communication, collaboration, and commitment. Those are my 5 C's for District C. I look forward to working with each of you. Thank you.

Yours for Excellence in Education,

Dr. Linda E. Young  
School Board Trustee, District C  
Clark County School District

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## Day In and Day Out

Trustees work hard to serve the students of CCSD

One peek into the day planner or schedule of a member of the CCSD Board of School Trustees will quickly show that the work of a trustee is never slow, never dull and never done.

While the board's main responsibilities include the hiring and firing of the superintendent, overseeing of the budget based on available resources and setting of policy, their involvement and influence reaches far beyond the boardroom.

Board members regularly serve on separate committees that include Attendance Zone Advisory Commission, Bond Oversight, Council of Great City Schools, Parks and Recreation, Student Council Advisory, and more.

"Part of the school board's responsibility is reaching out to the community," says Trustee Terri Janison, board president. "We realize the importance of finding out what the pulse of the community is before we make decisions that affect our students and staff and by extension the community."

Trustees also belong to several national organizations, including the Council of Great City Schools, a group of urban school districts who gather to address the unique issues facing larger school districts, the National Intercollegiate Athletics Association and the National Association of School Boards. Membership in these organizations gives the trustees access to other districts and resources that only serve to improve the function of the CCSD.

Trustees also spend countless hours communicating with citizens, parents and students within their respective districts.

Each trustee hosts a monthly Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) or Community Education Advisory Board (CEAB), which allows parents and citizens to become more informed about district programs and to voice their opinions and suggestions on issues facing schools in their communities and the district as a whole.

"Students and parents are our customers and PAC and CEAB meetings give them the opportunity every month to have one-on-one discussions with trustees about what is happening with their child's education," says Janison.

Despite busy schedules and the initiatives and responsibilities that come



*Trustees serve on important community committees to address issues such as student safety, zoning and parent and community involvement.*

with overseeing the fifth largest school district in the nation, trustees also find time to visit the schools within their districts. Whether it is visiting with teachers and parents on the campus or reading and speaking with the students, the visits allow them to keep in touch with those they serve.

Serving a diverse, large school district during an economic crunch is not an easy task, and overseeing that is by no means without challenges.

"There's a lot of misinformation within our community about all the good things taking place in the district. I know what an incredible education you can receive in the CCSD because I work with it every day and trying to communicate that is difficult," says Janison. "As a board, we would like to encourage more people to get involved and get the facts and then work together with us to find solutions."

And yet despite any challenges that come with serving as a trustee, the rewards are certainly great.

Janison says, "It is always such a joy to see children in our schools engaged, happy and leaning. And of course the ultimate reward comes at the end of year when we are handing out those graduation diplomas."

For more information on the CCSD Board of School Trustees, to find out which trustee represents you or to see a calendar of board events, visit [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net).

## SNOW DAY MAKEUP

### Monday, March 2

will be the makeup date for the December 18 Snow Day.

(This applies to all schools except track 5 students at elementary schools on a 12-month calendar.)

## Get Involved

Board provides forums for information and participation

The Board of School Trustees encourages citizens to get involved in, participate in and support education in the Clark County School District. The board provides several ways for parents and citizens to do this.

**BOARD MEETINGS:** All board meetings are open to the public. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the Edward A. Greer Education Center, 2832 E. Flamingo Road. Special meetings are held when necessary. All board meetings feature a time for public comment. Interested citizens may present comments, suggestions or concerns in writing to the board office or in person at the meeting or may submit their name to speak in person by calling 799-1072. Calendars and agendas are available at [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net).

**PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Board members hold regular Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) or Community Education Advisory Board (CEAB) meetings to solicit public input and to discuss education issues. CCSD staff members are frequently invited to the meetings to update parents on new programs, curriculum, initiatives and more. Your presence is welcomed and encouraged at these meetings. For dates and times in your district, call 799-1072 or visit [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net).

**COMMUNITY LINKAGE:** Community linkage events occur several times throughout the year and focus on specific topics and issues facing CCSD. Community members are invited to attend to learn more about the topic and then to voice their opinions or concerns. Community Linkage dates and times are listed when applicable at [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net).

## School Matters

Four times a year the board hosts a live call-in show on Vegas PBS to provide information and discuss education-related topics. Viewers are invited to call-in and submit questions related to the topic for live discussion on air.

The next School Matters will take place in April 2009. Watch the CCSD website for details and an opportunity to submit questions in advance..