



DISTRICT C: THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

CCSD
CLARK COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Linda E. Young

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“Students First: It Takes a Village to Educate a Child.”

District C: The VILLAGE

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2009 SCHOOL YEAR
SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

04/13/09** Classes Resume** (after Spring Break)
05/25/09 Memorial Day
06/04/09 Last Day of School (9 month)
06/18/09 Last Day of School (Modified 9 month)
07/03/09 Fourth of July (observed)
07/10/09 Last Day of School (12 month, track 5)
08/07/09 Last Day of School (12 month, tracks 1-4)

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

April 02, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
April 23, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
May 14, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
May 20, 2009, 5:00 p.m.
May 21, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

Board meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month:
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:

April 14, 2009, 8:00 a.m.
Administrative Center, Room 466
5100 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89146
May 06, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
May 20, 2009, 5:00 p.m.
Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

PLEASE NOTE: Work Sessions are held on Wednesday mornings.

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.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES AVAILABLE ONLINE:

Visit www.leg.slate.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.

Dear District C, The VILLAGE: Parents, Principals, CCSD Staff, Students, Community, and Friends:

In making an important point, a teacher took a wide-mouth jar and filled it with rocks. “Is the jar full?” she asked. The students replied “Yes.” “Let’s see,” said the teacher. Then she poured in much smaller pebbles in the jar to fill the spaces between the larger rocks. “Is it full now?” “Yes,” said the other students. “Are you sure?” said the teacher. Then she filled the remaining spaces between the large rocks and small stones with sand. “Is it full now?” the teacher asked. “Maybe not,” said one of the students. Then she took a pitcher of water and poured it into the jar and filled with water the spaces that were left in the jar. The teacher’s point to this instructional activity: to get everything in the jar, you must always put the big things in first. This analogy is especially true for District C: The VILLAGE. For us “Student First” is the most important focus in the educational jar of learning and achievement.

I am extending a special invitation to each of you: parents, principals, CCSD staff, students, the community, and friends of education to attend our third DISTRICT C: The VILLAGE meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at Twin Lakes Elementary School, 3300 Riverside Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108 – 799-4790.

At this meeting, we will review District C: The VILLAGE’s Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Goals, and School/Community Programs and Activities. This planning meeting will begin the process of identifying a calendar for District C school activities, District C committees, school programs and challenges, updated CCSD and District C information, and community organization linkages and programs. The 2009-2010 components of the District C programs will be finalized by August 2009 and presented to schools and the community in September 2009 in the format of a PowerPoint, brochures, calendars, and websites of educational links and information. (See attached meetings for the balance of 2009-2010)

I am requesting that each District C school send two parent representatives, one administrator and/or other identified staff to the April 15, 2009, meeting to “Meet and Greet” members from various community organizations who are interested in forming partnerships with schools in District C. On Saturday, September 19, 2009, I will be providing all participating District C schools with special recognition of your administration and staff along with your parent representatives for your commitment to educational excellence and community collaborations at our “2009 District C School Year Kick-Off” event.

Additionally, Dr. Robert L. Green, author of “Expectations: How Teacher Expectations Can Increase Student Achievement and Assist in Closing the Achievement Gap” will also update you on his latest educational research in “Best School Practices.”

As District C: The VILLAGE, I continue to be encouraged about the potential for academic success for all students. Education is the key that unlocks our students’ academic potential. As “The VILLAGE” stakeholders, we all play a significant role in providing the vision, educational techniques, skills, and support to accomplish this important task of student achievement. Please know that I value your leadership in “The VILLAGE” which stands for **V**ictory, **I**ntelligent, **L**ove, **L**earning, **A**chievement, **G**oals, and **E**ducation.

I look forward to working with each of you in The VILLAGE. Thank you.

Yours for Excellence in Education,

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

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Operation Crime Free Schools

Tip Hotline: 799-0228

Call the school district police to report suspicious activity at your school.

You can remain anonymous.

Coming up on the next
School Matters:
Legislative Updates
Get the latest information on legislative issues affecting K-12 education
Thursday, April 16, 2009
8:00-9:00 p.m.
Vegas PBS, Channel 10

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.

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 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.

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. 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.