



# F-TROOP NEWSLETTER



Carolyn Edwards

## FEBRUARY 2017

District F:  
F-TROOP

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

02/20/17	Presidents' Day
04/10-14/17	Spring Break
05/29/17	Memorial Day

For a complete list of calendar dates access [CCSD 2016-2017 School Calendar](#)

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

February 9, 2017, 5:00 p.m.  
 February 23, 2017, 5:00 p.m.  
 March 9, 2017, 5:00 p.m.  
 March 23, 2017, 5:00 p.m.  
 April 6, 2017, 5:00 p.m.  
 April 27, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

Board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month unless otherwise \*noted  
Edward A Greer Education Center, Board Room  
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121  
Access the District's web site [Clark County School District](#)

### WORK SESSION MEETINGS

February 1, 2017, 8:00 a.m.  
 March 1, 2017, 8:00 a.m.  
 April 5, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room  
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121  
Access the District's web site [Clark County School District](#)

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

**February 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m. (Community Linkage)**  
Liberty High School, Theater, 3700 Liberty Heights Ave.  
Henderson, NV 89052

**February 10, 2017, 8:30 a.m. (Board Retreat)**  
Smith Center, 361 Symphony Park Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89106

### FOLLOW US

#### Twitter

The Clark County School District Board of Trustees official Twitter:



Below is a list of feeds we provide so you don't have to find them within the site. You may subscribe to each one from the feed itself.



Dear District F Constituents, Parents, Staff, Students and Friends:

Clark County School District Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky delivered his annual State of the Schools address on Friday, January 27, 2017, from the Theater, at Valley High School. Superintendent Skorkowsky highlighted the District's growth and gave an update on the district's accomplishments, as well as the changes and improvements that can be expected moving forward. The superintendent also presented an update of his Pledge of Achievement's six key indicators of success: Achievement Gaps, Engagement, College and Career Readiness, Graduation Rate, Read by Grade Three and Student Safety.

The Oath of Office was administered to Trustees Dr. Linda E. Young and Deanna L. Wright; as well as incoming Trustee Lola Brooks on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Trustee Chris Garvey was administered the Oath of Office, earlier in the day, at her work place.

### Capital Improvement Program

Stay up to date on the progress of the Capital Improvement Program. The 2015 Nevada Legislature authorized funding to extend the Clark County School District's Capital Improvement Program for the next 10 years.

New Schools opening in 2017: <http://capitalimprovementplan.ccsd.net/new-schools-2017/>  
Replacement Schools opening in 2017: <http://capitalimprovementplan.ccsd.net/replacement-schools-2017/>  
New Schools Opening in 2018: <http://capitalimprovementplan.ccsd.net/new-schools-2018/>

### AB 394

During the 2015 Nevada Legislative Session, legislators voted to approve Assembly Bill 394 (AB394). This bill mandates that the Clark County School District (CCSD) be reorganized by no later than the 2018-19 school year. Get the latest news, information, and materials on the reorganization of the Clark County School District at: <http://ab394.ccsd.net/>

### Nevada Legislative Session

**On Monday, February 6, 2017, the 79<sup>th</sup> (2017) Session of the Nevada Legislature began.** The Clark County School District Board of Trustees have approved two draft bills: **AB78** Revises provisions relating to the establishment of charter schools **SB20** Revises provisions relating to requirements for the initial licensing of teachers (educational personnel) For additional information log on to the below link:  
**Legislative Session – Link:** <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/>

**The Magnet Schools /CTA Department** Consideration for Round 1 applicants for the 2017-2018 school year is now closed. **Late applications are now being accepted.** Late applicants will be contacted as space becomes available. For more information, or to apply online, visit <http://magnet.ccsd.net/apply-now/>

The February F-Troop meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 9:30am, Southwest CTA.** F-TROOP meetings are open to everyone and all are welcome to attend. I hope to see you there! Meeting information for the 2016-17 school year is listed on the next page.

Carolyn  
[cedwards@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:cedwards@interact.ccsd.net)  
702-873-3097

## 2016 – 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

### DISTRICT F: F-TROOP MEETING DATE AND HOSTING SCHOOL

#### 2016

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Grant Sawyer Middle School, Library

**Address:** 5450 Redwood St., Las Vegas, NV 89118

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Lois & Jerry Tarkanian Middle School, Library

**Address:** 5800 West Pyle Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89141

**Date/Time:** ~~Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 9:30 a.m.~~ - **CANCELED**

**School:** ~~Durango High School, Library~~

**Address:** ~~7100 West Dewey Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89113~~

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 9:30 a.m. *Please note: this is a brunch meeting.*

**Home:** Carolyn Edwards

**Address:** 3275 South Tioga Way, Las Vegas, NV 89117

#### 2017

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Sierra Vista High School, Library

**Address:** 8100 West Robindale Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89113

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Southwest Career & Technical Academy, Library

**Address:** 7050 West Shelbourne Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89113

**Date/Time:** ~~Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 9:30 a.m.~~ - **CANCELED**

**School:** ~~Roger Bryan Elementary School, Library~~

**Address:** ~~8255 West Katie Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89147~~

**April:** **\*\*No F-TROOP Meeting held this month.**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Mark Fine Elementary School, Library

**Address:** 6635 West Cougar Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89139

---

# F-TROOP



## Useful Links

Report a Bully  
[ccsd.net/students/bully/](http://ccsd.net/students/bully/)

CCSD TV  
[tv.ccsd.net/](http://tv.ccsd.net/)

F.A.C.E.S  
<http://faces.ccsd.net/>

Food Services  
<http://ccsd.net/departments/food-service/>

Immunizations – Southern Nevada Health District  
[southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/](http://southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/)

Infinite Campus  
[ccsd.net/parents/infinite-campus.php](http://ccsd.net/parents/infinite-campus.php)

Millennium Scholarship, Prepaid Tuition Program and More  
[nevadatreasurer.gov](http://nevadatreasurer.gov)

Newsroom  
[newsroom.ccsd.net/](http://newsroom.ccsd.net/)

Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP) Math Resources are available online.  
[rpd.net/](http://rpd.net/)

Reorganization of CCSD (Information)  
[ab394.ccsd.net/](http://ab394.ccsd.net/)

School Board Meetings  
[ccsd.net/trustees/meeting-agendas/](http://ccsd.net/trustees/meeting-agendas/)

Student Enrollment  
[ccsd.net/parents/enrollment/](http://ccsd.net/parents/enrollment/)

Transportation  
[ccsd.net/departments/transportation](http://ccsd.net/departments/transportation)

Zoning  
[ccsd.net/schools/zoning/](http://ccsd.net/schools/zoning/)

## Applications Accepted For Nevada Youth Legislature

The Nevada Youth Legislature (NYL) is accepting applications for representatives to serve a two-year term for 2017-2019. Youth Legislators review and evaluate issues that affect Nevada's young people and propose legislative measures during legislative sessions. Application period for the 2017-2019 Nevada Youth Legislature closes March 31, 2017. For additional information on NYL, click [here](#) or call (775) 684-6740.



Lola Brooks  
District E

On January 3, 2017, Lola Brooks was sworn into office to represent District E. Trustee Brooks is eager to improve academic outcomes and graduation rates with data-driven solutions. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in social work, both from University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV). She is a first generation college graduate, with a 4th grade son attending CCSD.

## CCSD Board of School Trustees Elect New Officers for 2017



Deanna L. Wright  
District A



Dr. Linda E. Young  
District C



Carolyn Edwards  
District F

The CCSD Board of School Trustees elected its new officers for 2017 during its annual organization meeting and work session on Wednesday, January 4. Trustee Deanna Wright will serve as president; Trustee Linda E. Young as vice president; and Trustee Carolyn Edwards will serve as clerk.

## Superintendent Skorkowsky delivers State of the Schools address

CCSD Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky delivered his annual State of the Schools address before an audience of educators, students and community leaders on January 27 at Valley High School to highlight the district's growth and accomplishments. With this year's theme being "CCSD By the Numbers," Superintendent Skorkowsky gave an update on the district's accomplishments, as well as the changes and improvements that can be expected moving forward.

## Trustee's Parent and Constituent Meetings for January



**Trustee Deanna Wright , District A**  
ACE Meeting  
Thursday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m.  
Sewell Elementary School, Parent Cottage

**Trustee Carolyn Edwards, District F**  
F-TROOP Meeting  
Wednesday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m.  
SW Career & Technical Academy, Library

**Trustee Kevin L. Child, District D**  
District D Meet and Greet  
Monday, February 13 at 9:00 a.m.  
Tom Williams Elementary School, Tiger' Den

**Trustee Linda E. Young, District C**  
VILLAGE Meeting  
Wednesday, February 15 at 9:00 a.m.  
Marvin M. Sedway Middle School, Library

**Trustee Kevin L. Child, District D**  
District D Meet and Greet  
Monday, February 27 at 9:00 a.m.  
Clark High School, Library

## CCSD Board of Trustees Community Meeting February 2

The CCSD Board of Trustees has scheduled a community meeting at Liberty High School on **Thursday, February 2, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.** Jeremy Agüero, principal analyst with Applied Analysis will discuss property tax caps and abatements that could potentially impact the budget of the Clark County School District. Staff from Community and Government Relations will provide information on bill drafts submitted by the CCSD, as well as how the community can get involved during the 79th Legislative Session that begins on February 6, 2017.

## City Of Las Vegas Celebrates Black History Month

The City of Las Vegas is holding several multigenerational events in celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and African American history from January 11 to February 24. To view the calendar of events, click [here](#).



## English Language Learner Division

Once the CCSD Board of Trustees approved the Master Plan for English Language Learner Success (ELL Master Plan) in May 2016, the English Language Learner Division (ELLD) sprung into action. A brief video outlining the major components of the ELL Master Plan was developed and delivered to schools in August 2016. To date, almost 14,000 educators from almost 300 schools have viewed the video.

Another component of the ELL Master Plan is the professional learning plan which describes how educators will engage in systemic change to the Academic Content and Language Achievement Model (ALCA-M). The professional learning plan, which rolls out to all CCSD schools over a five year period using a cohort group strategy, requires educators to attend 16 hours of professional learning on the Language Development Approach and Six Principles of Effective ELL Instruction each year for three years. The first cohort, Cohort A, includes 80 schools, mostly ZOOM, and Cohort B will include an additional 126 schools. While professional development surveys from Cohort A schools reveal session satisfaction upwards of 90%, shifting teachers' views from a deficit-orientation to an asset orientation requires time. Generally, educators indicate an interest in learning how to meet the language development needs of ELLs.

Efforts to engage ELL families are also underway. The ELL Division developed University of Family Learning courses on ALCA-M and language development which have been attended by more than 200 parents and guardians. Additionally, work is in process to diversify instructional programs to meet the needs of newcomers and long-term ELLs. Finally, the newly-revised 2016-2017 ELL Technical Procedures Manual was recognized by the Nevada Department of Education with four commendations.

---

## 2017 Graduation Schedule

The CCSD Class of 2017 graduation ceremonies start May 24, 2017 and run through June 16, 2017. Click [here](#) for the full schedule.



The Clark County School District (CCSD) budget staff typically prepare three cycles of budgets each year. In the spring is the tentative budget, followed by the final budget a month later, and amended final budget in late fall. Budget staff is currently gathering and analyzing information sources necessary to prepare a tentative budget for submission to the Board of School Trustees in April for consideration and approval. New to the process this year is the completion of strategic workbooks for all local school precincts. The workbooks were released to the individual precincts on January 17, 2017. This year is a legislative session for lawmakers. Various proposals will be introduced in the form of bills by the legislative members that may have potential impact on the budgeting process.



The PBS Kids Writers Contest is open to Southern Nevada students in grades K-5. Prizes are awarded to the top three winners in each grade level. All students are awarded a certificate for entering. First place local winners in each grade will receive a scholarship to attend the annual Southern Nevada Writing Project (SNWP) Youth Writing Camp during summer 2017. Entries must be submitted to Vegas PBS Ready To Learn by April 7, 2017 at 5 p.m. For more information, call Jessica Russell at (702) 799-1010 or visit [VegasPBS.org/writers-contest](http://VegasPBS.org/writers-contest).

---

## Mental Health Video Contest

The Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium invites students 18 and younger to enter the "Be a FORCE for Children's Mental Health" youth video contest. The video must be three minutes or less and focus on and promote positive mental health. The deadline for video submissions is February 24, 2017 and winners will be announced in April. For more information, click [here](#).

## Legislative Information

The Community Implementation Council met on January 11, 2017. The Council discussed the current undertakings of the reorganization of the Clark County School District. For more information on the meeting please visit <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/InterimCommittee/REL/Interim2015/Meeting/4780>

Governor Brian Sandoval delivered his State of the State address on January 17, 2016. During the address Governor Sandoval provided an update on the Nevada's economy and his platform for the upcoming Legislative Session which includes an additional \$107M for K-12 education programs. For more information on Governor Sandoval's State of the State address, please visit <http://gov.nv.gov/About/state-of-the-State/>

On January 19, 2017, the Nevada State Board of Education met and they discussed several issues including the Governor's education policy and budget proposals and the teacher licensure process. For more information, please visit [http://www.doe.nv.gov/Boards\\_Commissions\\_Councils/State\\_Board\\_of\\_Education/MeetingMaterials/](http://www.doe.nv.gov/Boards_Commissions_Councils/State_Board_of_Education/MeetingMaterials/)

The 79<sup>th</sup> Nevada Legislature convenes on February 6, 2017 and will meet for 120 days. The CCSD Government Relations team will be sharing the Session Spotlight each week which will highlight education bills, hearings, and actions of the legislature. You can sign up to receive this update by emailing your name, email address, and zip code to [SessionSpotlight@ccsd.net](mailto:SessionSpotlight@ccsd.net).



The CCSD Family and Community Engagement Services Department (FACES) aims to ensure that all schools, families and communities are partners in education and ensure success for all children. According to its website, the mission of FACES is to support "all children's academic, social, and emotional growth" through communication, trust and advocacy. For more information, call (702) 799-0303.

## CCSD Celebrates Black History Month

During the month of February, Clark County School District (CCSD) schools have celebrated Black History Month through a variety of activities ranging from studying prominent African-Americans to having events that include song, dance and poetry.

Many of the activities, like living museums, tie directly to the district's curriculum with the study of historical figures such as civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., artist Romare Bearden, abolitionist Harriet Tubman, activist Rosa Parks and the Tuskegee Airmen.

At Cimarron-Memorial High School, students will be reading a speech by Dr. King as an example of persuasive writing. They also will create a picture gallery to acknowledge African-America men and women who have impacted history. At Gibson Middle School, the science department will feature African Americans in science. Third-grade students at Craig Elementary School are reading about [Harriet Tubman](#), [Rosa Parks](#) and [Ruby Bridges](#), studying their achievements and contributions. At McWilliams Elementary School, fourth-grade students are reading about famous African Americans and will write reports on the subject.

Schools like Desert Oasis High School celebrated the arts and culture by bringing in local artists to perform dances and hold drum circles on their campus, while students at J.T. McWilliams Elementary School listened to cultural music by African-American musicians.

Kermit R. Booker Sr. Elementary School students were visited by motivational speaker and former NFL player Vernon Fox who shared his personal life experiences with students and encouraged them to do well in school. Fox is a native of Las Vegas and a graduate of Cimarron-Memorial High School.

In addition to the wide variety of activities at schools, the district highlighted some of its prominent African-American educators for their contributions to the district and the community. Among those featured on the district's website have been Dr. Claude Perkins, who became the district's first African-American superintendent in 1978 and is now the CEO of Virginia Union University.

## CCSD Celebrates Black History Month (continued)

The district also highlighted the contributions of namesake Eva G. Simmons, who started in the district in 1964 as a teacher. Simmons' 37-year CCSD career also included working as a principal, assistant personnel manager and area superintendent before being named as school namesake in 2001. Simmons continues to be active as a volunteer and mentor at the North Las Vegas school that bears her name.

While most of the events and activities were only open to students and parents, Bonanza High School will host its annual Black History Concert on Wednesday, February 17, from 6-8 p.m. A Soul Food Feast will follow the program. For more information about this event, contact Yolanda Brown via InterAct.

While schools continue to celebrate Black History Month, there are numerous community activities scheduled this month at the various Clark County Library District locations, and Vegas PBS is airing several programs that highlight the contributions and achievement of African-Americans.

For information and features about news and events taking place in throughout the school district, visit [ccsd.net](http://ccsd.net) and click on the [Newsroom](#) link.

---

### Two CCSD Schools Recognized As National Title I Distinguished Schools

Two CCSD schools were named [National Title I Distinguished Schools](#) by the National Title I Association. Thompson Elementary School and Bracken STEAM Academy were recognized for their outstanding achievements. The National Title I Distinguished Schools Program is a project of the National Title I Association that publicly recognizes schools for their positive educational advances in one of three categories:

Category 1: Exceptional student performance for two consecutive years. Category 2: Closing the achievement gap between student group, and Category 3: Excellence in serving special populations of students (e.g. homelessness, migrant, English language learners, etc.)

Thompson Elementary School was recognized in Category 2, while Bracken STEAM Academy was honored in Category 3. These two CCSD schools were the only National Title I Distinguished Schools in Nevada to be recognized for their achievements in 2016. For more information, click [here](#).

## Career and Technical Education Month

Students and faculty across the Clark County School District (CCSD) will join others across the nation during the month of February to celebrate national Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month®. This year's tagline is Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow!

CTE Month is an opportunity to demonstrate how programs make students college- and career-ready and prepare them for high-wage, high-demand career fields. One of the special activities scheduled is National Job Shadow Day.

On February 2 and February 27, students will have the opportunity to spend a day in the life of someone in their career field, learning from their experiences and truly stepping into their shoes. It's a great way to learn from others in the role, gain perspective from their experience, and get a true feel for that particular job, company, and industry without the pressures of an actual interview.

The activities planned during CTE Month will illustrate the rigor and relevance CTE courses offer CCSD students. By partnering with the business community, CTE programs are investing in students and providing them with the latest technology and skills that will prepare them to become successful employees and future leaders.

Career and technical education programs in CCSD provide students with significant advantages in academic and career preparation, and strengthens our local economy by filling the skills gap. Data shows students who participate in CTE courses graduate from high school at a 13% higher rate in Nevada, move on to college and perform better on standardized tests.

Please join us in celebrating CTE Month in February

---

### Springs Preserve To Hold Black History Month Festival Feb. 20

Springs Preserve will observe Black History Month with a festival on February 20 from 10-4. The event will feature live music and dance performances along with a photo exhibit and activities for children. The festival is free for children 17 and under. For details, visit [www.springspreserve.org](http://www.springspreserve.org).