

Chris Garvey

September 2016

District B

IMPORTANT DATES

11/08/16 No School	
11/11/16Veterans Day – No School11/21-23/16No School11/24-25/16Thanksgiving – No School12/19-30-16Winter Break – No School	

For a complete list of calendar dates, access http://www.ccsd.net/district/calendar/

DISTRICT B PARENT MEETING

Thursday, September 15, 2016, 9:30 a.m. Kitty Ward Elementary School 5555 Horse Drive Las Vegas, NV 89131

CCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

September 8, 2016, **6:00*** p.m. September 22, 2016, **6:00*** p.m. *new time

BOARD WORK SESSIONS

September 7, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

Board meetings will be held at: Edward W. Greer Education Center Education Center, Board Room 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas

Find board meeting agendas by linking to <u>School Board Meetings</u> Greetings District B Parents and Constituents,

Welcome back to the new school year! There are many new and exciting things happening in the Clark County School District that will provide students with the tools they need to learn and be successful!

One very important way to see your child succeed this year is to be engaged in their academic and social life. Below are just a few things that can help you:

- Visit your child's school and meet their teacher(s).
- Ask your child daily about what he/she is learning in school.
- Assist your child with their homework.
- Check your child's progress on Infinite Campus.
- Be involved and attend school activities.

To learn more about how you can be engaged, link to the <u>Family and Community</u> <u>Engagement Services</u> (FACES) Web site or call your child's school.

District B has a vacancy on the CCSD Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC). AZAC provides recommendations to the Board of Trustees through the Superintendent on any necessary changes to attendance zones. The commission meets each Tuesday and many times on Thursday, beginning in September and going through February. If you are interested in serving on the committee please call the Board Office at 702-799-1072. More information about the committee can be found on <u>AZAC</u>'s web page.

There is also a vacancy on the CCSD Audit Advisory Committee. This committee was established to advise the Board in strengthening accountably for the stewardship and efficient use of public funds; provide a communication link between external and internal audits and the Board of Trustees; enhance transparency of the District's financial operations; and improve public trust in the honesty and integrity of its public officials. If you are interested in serving a 2-year term on this committee please complete the application found <u>here</u>. Applications are due on September 12, 2016.

My first parent and constituent meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at Kitty Ward Elementary School. One of the topics we will be discussing is the reorganization of the Clark County School. If you have any topics or items you would like to discuss at a future meeting, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Chris

Chris Garvey, Trustee, District B

Useful Links

Report a Bully <u>ccsd.net/students/bully/</u>

CCSD TV 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/

Infinite Campus ccsd.net/parents/infinite-campus.php

Millennium Scholarship, Prepaid Tuition Program and More <u>nevadatreasurer.gov</u>

Newsroom newsroom.ccsd.net/.

Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP) Math Resources are available online. rpdp.net/

School Board Meetings ccsd.net/trustees/meeting-agendas/

Student Enrollment <u>ccsd.net/parents/enrollment/</u>

Transportation <u>ccsd.net/departments/transportation</u>

Zoning ccsd.net/schools/zoning/

CCSD Summer Graduation Ceremony



As reported by the <u>Las Vegas Review-</u><u>Journal</u>, more than 500 students graduated from high school in CCSD's summer commencement ceremony on Aug. 22, 2016. The R-J said, "Unlike traditional graduation ceremonies, Tuesday's event featured a rainbow of robes as students wore colors to represent their home high school."

Superintendent's Message



Students, parents and staff,

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! Last school year was filled with amazing achievements, awards and recognitions for our students, schools and staff members. Our students and staff represented us in international competitions, placing third in the world in a robotics competition, while staff was recognized nationally with two of our teachers being invited to the White House during Teacher Appreciation Week. To view more of our accolades and achievements visit **pledgeofachievement.com**.

I have high hopes for our schools this year as we introduce new partnerships with private businesses and community groups to focus on helping our schools. This year our teachers will have more opportunities to gain professional development that our students will benefit from. Thanks to our legislators, we will continue to break ground on new schools to accommodate our population growth and replace or upgrade some of our existing older schools.

To our students and parents, I hope you get the opportunity to be more involved in your schools, whether it be joining student groups or volunteering in parent programs. Our teachers and staff welcome you as we focus on better connecting schools and their communities because we believe both are critical for the success of our students. So to all our students, families and staff welcome, and best of luck!

CCSD Board of Trustees' Audit Advisory Committee

The CCSD Board of Trustees' Audit Advisory Committee is seeking applications for membership on the Audit Advisory Committee. <u>Applications</u> are due Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5 p.m. Click <u>here</u> to read the committee's bylaws. For more information, call the Board Office at (702) 799-1072.

Applications being Accepted for Teacher of the Year Program

The Nevada Department of Education is accepting applications for its Teacher of the Year program. Applications must be submitted by 5pm, September 19, 2016. For more information, click here or call (702) 668-4330.

Trustee's Parent and Constituent Meetings for September



Trustee Deanna Wright, District A District A Community Engagement Meeting Thursday, September 1 at 10:00 a.m. Liberty High School, Library

Trustee Chris Garvey, District B District B Parent and Constituent Meeting Thursday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. Kitty Ward Elementary School, Room 48

Trustee Kevin Child, District D District D PAC Meeting – Meet & Greet Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. Schofield Middle School, Little Theater

Trustee Patrice Tew, District E District E Parent Meeting Wednesday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m. Staton Elementary School, Multipurpose Room

Trustee Carolyn Edwards, District F F-Troop Meeting Wednesday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m. Grant Sawyer Middle School, Library

Trustee Erin Cranor, District G District G Parent Meeting Wednesday, September 28 at 9:30 a.m. Vegas PBS, Room 122/123

Reclaim Your Future: It's Not Too Late to Graduate

Walk with CCSD and re-engage students from VALLEY, SIERRA VISTA, SUNRISE MOUNTAIN, AND DEL SOL HIGH SCHOOLS, and get them back in the classroom. Show our students that the community does care and that they can Reclaim Their Futures!

> Reclaim Your Future Community Walk Saturday, September 10, 2016 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Volunteer by Wednesday, August 31st! Please fill out the volunteer form at: <u>http://tinyurl.com/RYFWalk2016</u>

Call Mary Racine, School-Community Partnership Program, at (702) 799-6560 for more information.

Don't Forget: All Students Who Qualify Must Be Registered For Transportation

CCSD provides <u>bus transportation</u> for general education students who live two miles or more from their zoned schools. Exceptions may apply for students with special needs and also for students who may encounter hazard areas like construction zones on their way to school. Parents can check eligibility for their students and get bus stop information by clicking <u>here</u>. Transportation information regarding Magnet, CTA or Select schools can be found <u>here</u>. To speak to a transportation representative, call (702) 799-8110.

Students invited to enter "Imagine A World Without Hate" Poster Contest

CCSD students in grades K-12 are invited to enter the Barrick Gold Imagine A World Without Hate Poster Contest, presented by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). Entries should reflect what a world without hate would look like. Along with the artwork, entrants must submit a one-paragraph explanation of what his or her entry represents. All entries must be postmarked by Monday, September 12, 2016. The top student winner will have their poster wrapped on an RTC Paratransit bus during the Week of Respect October 3-7, 2016. For more information, click <u>here</u> or call (702) 862-8600.

CCSD Back To School Web Page

The Clark County School District's (CCSD) Back to School Web page is now available for parents and students preparing for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. With classes resuming on Monday, Aug. 29, the page provides helpful resources and information relating to students starting or returning to school, and can be found at <u>http://ccsd.net/backtoschool</u>. The page is also available in Spanish at http://ccsd.net/regresoaclases.

The Back to School page will continue to be updated throughout the school year as necessary. Current information includes Back to School Fair dates and times, school registration, transportation, food services, safety, school calendar and useful phone numbers.



The Clark County Parks & Recreation Safekey Program is a before- and after-school recreational based program offered to students in grades K-5 at 76 CCSD elementary schools as well as two middle schools located in unincorporated Clark County.

Standard Operating Hours & Fees AM Session: 7am – Bell \$4 per child

PM Session: Bell – 6pm \$7 per child

Early Operating Hours & Fees

AM Session: 6:30am – Bell \$3 per child PM Session: Bell – 6pm \$8 per child

For more information, call (702) 455-8251 or click <u>here</u>.



Per Clark County School District (CCSD) <u>Policy</u> <u>5137</u> - Safe and Respectful Learning Environment, the CCSD "Say No to Bullying" Website (<u>ccsd.net/students/bully/</u>) was developed to facilitate accessibility for individuals to report incidents of bullying. Once an incident is submitted via this website, an email is generated to the school's administration notifying them of the report. Reports may be submitted anonymously. A "Say No to Bullying" hyperlink was provided for all CCSD schools to facilitate the reporting process. Click here for more

The CCSD "Say No To Bullying" website is not monitored during weekends, holidays or after school hours.

PBS Education's 50 for 50 Contest

CCSD students in grades six through 12 can enter PBS Education's 50 for 50 contest, which aims to reinforce the importance of students across the country having a voice in the political process. Students are invited to write an open letter to the 2016 presidential candidates with ideas on what needs to change in government to get more accomplished. Two students (one middle school and one high school) will win the opportunity to view the final presidential debate with the media. The entry deadline is Sept. 21. For more information, click here.

Call for Nominations to Name New Elementary Schools

The Clark County School District is currently accepting nominations to name the six new elementary schools slated to open in fall 2017 as part of the 2015 capital improvement program. For information about this process that ends on September 16, 2016 please click <u>here</u>.

These schools will be named for:

- outstanding former Clark County School District personnel and former school board trustees who have demonstrated exceptional leadership locally in the field of education in Clark County and have consistently demonstrated the character to inspire students; or
- outstanding individuals who are not educators by profession, but serve as a positive role model to children and to the community, and who have demonstrated exceptional leadership locally toward the advancement of education or humanity in Clark County.

In addition, it is important to know there are restrictions pertaining to the nominations. In order for a former employee to be considered, they must have been separated from CCSD for at least two years in order to be considered as a namesake. Elected officials, including former trustees, must be out of office for a minimum of three years.

To submit an application or to inquire about the process, interested parties may email School Name Committee staff at SNC@ccsd.net.

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