



DISTRICT B NEWSLETTER



Chris Garvey

December 2014

District B

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

12/22/14-01/04/15	Winter Break
01/05/15	Classes Resume
01/19/15	Martin Luther King Day

For a complete list of calendar dates,
access

<http://www.ccsd.net/district/calendar/>



REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

December 11, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
 January 8, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
 January 22, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

WORK SESSIONS

December 3, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
 January 7, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

December 5, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
 Board Retreat,
 Green Valley HS, Library 460 Arroyo
 Grande Blvd., Henderson, NV
 January 5, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
 Oath of Office

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

Access the district's website at
[www.ccsd.net/trustees/meetings-
agendas/](http://www.ccsd.net/trustees/meetings-agendas/) for Board agendas and
reference materials

Happy Holiday Season District B!

As the holiday season approaches, I encourage you to take time with your children reading, sharing family history, and enjoying time with each other.

The Clark County School District 2013-2014 district score card is now available online at <http://www.ccsd.net/district/district-scorecard/>. The score card includes six indicators of student success: Proficiency, Achievement Gaps, Graduation Rate, Engagement, Student Safety and College and Career Readiness. As we plan for the future, we would like to ensure that all Kindergarten classes are 23 students or smaller and expanded to full day, as well as see our ZOOM schools receive Early Childhood and Pre-K.

Seven new magnet programs will be added in the 2016-2017 school year including five select programs. The schools are: McCaw ES, Piggott ES, Guinn MS, Johnson JHS, White MS, Del Sol HS, Eldorado HS, Canyon Springs HS, and Desert Pines HS. Get the details of each program here <http://magnet.ccsd.net/featured-new-programs/>.

Deadline to submit applications to any of our Magnet Schools and Career and Technical Academies is January 8, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. You can link to the application here <http://ccsd.net/schools/magnet-cta/app/new/>. If you have any questions please contact 702-799-8492.

We will be launching the new Family and Community Education Services (FACES) program in 2015-2016. Continued family involvement is an important issue affecting student achievement and we will be training schools on how to engage parents more effectively.

As many of you know, we will be moving from the Criteria Reference Test (CRT) to the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). There are practice tests available on-line at <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/Practice-Test/>. I challenge you and your family to do these rigorous tests. This provides an opportunity for your family to challenge each other for a CCSD version of, "Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader". You will be allowing your child to practice their computer skills that are necessary for completing this test while families will see the rigor that is expected of our students in a fun atmosphere.

Best Wishes and Warm Holiday Cheer!

Chris

Chris Garvey, Trustee, District B
Clark County School District

Deadline for the Sex Education Curriculum Survey Extended to December 11

To take a survey related to CCSD's sex education curriculum, visit <http://ccsd.net/district/surveys/sexeducation/index.php>. In order to allow more time for area residents to express their views on this subject, the survey deadline has been extended to December 11, 2014. The District will present parent input from the survey to the Board of Trustees separately from community input, and is asking parents to provide a student ID to differentiate parents with a child currently in school from a community member with no children in school.

Foothill High School Marching Band



Congratulations to Foothill High School Marching Band representing Nevada in this year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Top Prize of Blood Drive Contest is College Scholarship



The [American Red Cross](http://www.redcrossblood.org) is offering 16- to 24-year-old students currently enrolled in school a way to help overcome the seasonal decline in blood donations and have a chance to win a college scholarship. Students who sponsor a successful blood drive between Dec. 15, 2014, and Jan. 15, 2015, through the Leaders Save Lives program will be entered to win a college scholarship. For more information, visit www.redcrossblood.org/leaderssaveives or call (801) 327-8157.

CCSD Unveils Baseline Data for New District Scorecard



The scorecard measures six indicators of success that are derived from the Pledge of Achievement action plan outlined by Skorkowsky last spring. The scorecard sets ambitious targets the school district will work to reach over the next five years.

The Board of School Trustees will use the goals in the scorecard as part of their annual evaluation of Skorkowsky starting in December 2015, after the first full year of implementation.

The scorecard, which is available to the public at www.ccsd.net/district/district-scorecard, will be updated each year to show the school district's progress in each indicator area.

Parents and members of the community who are interested in getting more information about the Pledge of Achievement action plan and the scorecard measuring the progress of the plan can take the pledge and sign up for updates at www.pledgeofachievement.com.

Each One Read One



On November 17, Trustee Young reads "What Would You Do With A Tail Like This?" to students, as part of the Each One Read One program.

This nonfiction interactive book will allow students to explore the many amazing things the animals can do with their noses, ears, tails, eyes, mouths, and feet.

CCSD Board of Trustees Community Linkage Meeting took place in November



On November 19, the CCSD Board of Trustees held a Community Linkage meeting at the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe Reservation. Thank you to the members of the Paiute Tribe for hosting this event.

Magnet Schools and CTAs Community Event



Magnet Schools and Career and Technical Academies will hold a community event on Saturday, December 13, 2014, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Del Sol Academy for the Performing Arts. Click [here](#) for the schedule.

To submit your application online, please visit <http://apps.ccsd.net/magnetpro/public>

The application will be due by 3:00 p.m. on January 8, 2015. For additional information visit <http://magnet.ccsd.net>, or you can call (702) 799-8492.

Title I HOPE Stocking Drive



The Clark County School District Title I HOPE (Homeless Outreach Program for Education) is holding its [annual stocking drive](#) and seeking the help of community members to make a difference in the lives of homeless youth this holiday season. For details, click [here](#) or call Sue Goldman at (702) 855-6682.

December Newsletter Information

Each One Read One

Judy Myers, Assistant Director, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District, introduced the new Each One Read One book "What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?" by authors Steve Jenkins & Robin Page and provided an update on the Each One Read One program at the November 13, 2014, regular board meeting.

This nonfiction interactive book will allow students to explore the many amazing things the animals can do with their noses, ears, tails, eyes, mouths, and feet. [Click here](#) to view or listen to the presentation.

Excellence in Education Hall of Fame

The 2014 Excellence in Education Hall of Fame recipients were recognized at the November 13, 2014, regular board meeting. The five inductees are:

- APPLE CORE Program
- Maureen Clark
- Keith Pakish
- Robert Proffitt
- United Way Women's Leadership Council's Family Engagement Resource Center at Clark High School

[Click here](#) to listen to the presentation. For more information on the Hall of Fame [Click here](#).

Naming or Renaming of Facilities

At the November 13, 2014, regular board meeting, the Board of School Trustees approved to name the library at Linda Rankin Givens Elementary School to Dr. Kenneth V. Givens Library. You can [Click here](#) to listen to the audio clip of the Board's discussion.

At the November 13, 2014, regular board meeting, the Board of School Trustees approved to rename the Las Vegas Academy of International Studies, Visual and Performing Arts (LVAISVPA), to Las Vegas Academy of the Arts (LVA). You can [Click here](#) to listen to the audio clip of the Board's discussion.

Vote for the Best Entries in the Middle School Photo Contest

CCSD students and staff are invited to [cast their votes](#) in the 2014 Middle School Electronic Photography Contest. These photos represent some of the great talent shown by the 288 entries submitted by middle school and elementary school students throughout the District. The deadline for voting is December 12, 2014. You may vote only once in each category. Winning students will be notified by December 16 and will be honored during a School Board presentation on January 8, 2015. The annual contest is coordinated by CCSD photographer Michele Nelson.

CCSD TV

Visit <http://tv.ccsd.net/> to view a variety of news and events taking place in the Clark County School District. There are videos of school activities and athletic events, Educational Service Announcements, including regular meetings of the CCSD Board of Trustees. Take a look and see what has been happening in the District.

Reporting a Crime

If you know of a crime or suspect a crime is being committed, contact the Clark County School District's 24 hour Police Dispatch at 702-799-5411 or CCSDPD Operation Crime-Free Schools Hotline (Anonymous) at 702-799-0228.

Secondary Semester/Final Exams

Secondary Semester/Final Exams are scheduled for January 14-16, 2015.

Legislative Update

The Nevada Senate Republican Caucus has announced their leadership, including committee chairs. Senator Michael Roberson will serve as the Majority Leader during the 2015 Legislative Session. Other caucus leaders include: Sen. Ben Kieckhefer, R-Reno, as assistant leader; Sen. James Settlemyer, R-Gardnerville, and Sen. Scott Hammond, R-Las Vegas, as co-whips; and Sen. Joe Hardy, R-Boulder City, as its nominee for President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Senator Becky Harris will chair the Committee on Education. The Assembly is still finalizing their leadership appointments as the state waits for the announcement of the next speaker.

Budget Update - Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

The Clark County School District (CCSD) Business and Finance Division recently finalized the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which includes an independent audit of the District's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014, by Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. The District received an unqualified audit opinion, meaning the financial records and statements were fairly and accurately presented and in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

In accordance with NRS 354.624, on October 30, 2014, the CAFR was submitted to the Clark County School District Board of Trustees and the appointed members of the Audit Advisory Committee. The NRS specifies the annual audit should be concluded and the report submitted to the Board of Trustees not later than four months after the close of the fiscal year for which the audit is conducted.

Further NRS direction indicates the opinion and findings of the auditor, if any, contained in the report of the audit must be presented at a meeting of the governing body held not more than 30 days after the report is submitted. The CAFR was formally presented to the Board of Trustees at a November 14, 2014, Joint Meeting with the Audit Advisory Committee. At the meeting, Kafoury staff presented the Independent Auditor's Reports, Government Auditing Standards Report, A-133 Report, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, and Auditor's Comments while the Chief Financial Officer, Jim McIntosh, presented the CAFR to the Board of Trustees for approval.

As part of the Joint Meeting, a brief presentation was provided to the Board of Trustees to explain major changes in assumptions from the Final Budget to the Amended Final Budget. The Amended Final Budget is scheduled for presentation to the Board of Trustees next month.

The CAFR season for fiscal year 2014 has officially closed, the Amended Final Budget is nearing completion, and budget development for fiscal year 2016 is in full swing.

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