



DISTRICT B NEWSLETTER

CCSD
CLARK COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Chris Garvey

November 2015

District B

IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/01/15 Daylight Savings Time
- 11/2-3/15 Staff Development Day No School
- 11/11/15 Veterans Day, No school
- 11/26/15 Thanksgiving, No school
- 11/27/15 Family Day, No school

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

DISTRICT B PARENT MEETING

Thursday, November 12, 2015, 9:30 a.m.
Kay Carl ES, 5625 Corbett Street
Las Vegas, NV 89130

CCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

November 12, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
December 10, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

BOARD WORK SESSIONS

November 4, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
December 4, 2015, 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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

November 5, 2015, 6:00p-10:00p
Las Vegas Academy
315 S. 7th Street
Las Vegas, NV

November 13, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
Joint meeting with Audit Advisory Committee
Edward W. Greer Education Center
Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas

Find board meeting agendas by linking to [School Board Meetings](#)

Greetings District B,

On October 15, 2015, the state released the preliminary graduation rate of 72.07% for the 2015 CCSD graduates. This is an increase of 1.5% from 70.9% in 2014. Below is school-by-school information from the October 16, 2015, Las Vegas Review Journal, highlighting graduation numbers from 2014-2015. Click [here](#) for the article.

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CCSD graduation rates, 2014-2015

High School	Number of graduates	Rate
CSN East	54	100%
CSN South	49	100
CSN West	102	100
Indian Springs	15	100
Sandy Valley	16	100
Veterans Tribute CTA	155	100
Southwest	332	99.4
Advanced Tech	243	99.18
Northwest CTA	393	98.74
West CTA	301	98.69
Las Vegas Academy	381	98.2
East CTA	413	97.64
West Prep	68	95.77
Southeast CTA	339	95.76
Coronado	662	93.24
Moapa Valley	109	89.34
Green Valley	625	88.15
Palo Verde	565	88.14
Boulder City	133	88.08
Centennial	618	85.6
Arbor View	517	83.52
Spring Valley	355	82.94
Rancho	605	82.88
Shadow Ridge	504	80.9
Las Vegas	597	79.81
Foothill	532	79.05
Virgin Valley	107	78.68
Silverado	378	77.78
Durango	399	77.63
Sierra Vista	415	77.57
Liberty	464	77.2
Clark	546	76.9
Desert Oasis	382	76.55
Cimarron-Memorial	442	75.95
Legacy	441	74.62
Laughlin	29	74.36
Del Sol	305	72.1
SCHOOL DISTRICT	16,921	72.07
Bonanza	299	72.05
STATE		70.86
Basic Valley	386	69.18
Valley	407	68.98
Sunrise Mountain	392	67.35
Cheyenne	336	66.93
Canyon Springs	388	66.44
Western	334	66.27
Chaparral	346	65.65
Eldorado	251	65.54
Mojave	317	64.69
Desert Pines	278	58.9
Burk Horizon SW	28	32.94
Cowan Sunset SE	8	22.22
Morris Sunset East	6	17.65
Desert Rose	53	16.88
Global Community	7	10.45

Data for charter schools was not available.
Source: Clark County School District

GATEHOUSE MEDIA

Useful Links

Report a Bully

ccsd.net/students/bully/

Infinite Campus

ccsd.net/parents/infinite-campus.php

Student Enrollment

ccsd.net/parents/enrollment/

Transportation

ccsd.net/departments/transportation

Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP)

Math Resources are available online.

rpd.net/

freeMATHHELP

freemathhelp.com/algebra-help.html

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)

smarterbalanced.org/

Immunizations – Southern Nevada Health District

southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/

Homework Hotline

vegaspbs.org/homework-hotline/

Millennium Scholarship, Prepaid Tuition Program and More

nevadatreasurer.gov

CCSD TV

tv.ccsd.net/

School Board Meetings

ccsd.net/trustees/meeting-agendas/

Special Board Meeting November 5, 2015

The Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, November 5, 2015, to discuss possible changes to the current sex education curriculum. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theater (Ninth and Clark) at the Las Vegas Academy of the Arts

Inclusive Schools Week December 7-11

Each year many Clark County Schools participate in national Inclusive Schools Week, which is an annual event held during the first full week in December. Since its inception, Inclusive Schools Week has celebrated the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population. An inclusionary school culture is central to learning. It plays a role not only in communicating and receiving information, but also in shaping the thinking process of groups and individuals. A climate that acknowledges, responds to, and celebrates diversity offers full, equitable access to education for all students. Within Clark County School District, Inclusive Schools Week is a time for celebration, but also provides an important opportunity for educators, students, and parents to reflect and discuss the next steps to ensure that schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children.

In addition, the Clark County School District works closely with the Nevada Partnership for Inclusive Education (NV PIE), an organization that supports schools' and educators' efforts to create a strong school climate of inclusion in Nevada's public schools through yearly professional development opportunities, teacher grants, and celebrations. In October of 2015, teachers had the opportunity to participate in the Inclusive Practices Symposium held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. In November of 2015, NV PIE holds their annual Celebration of Inclusive Practices at the Rio Hotel.

Legislative Update

The Advisory Committee to Develop a Plan to Reorganize the Clark County School District held their first meeting on October 12. Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky presented a reorganization plan to the Committee. To view the meeting and all backup material, please visit <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/interim/78th2015/Committee/Studies/CCSD/Other/12-October-2015/MeetingPage.cfm?ID=34&d=12-October-2015>.

The Interim Finance Committee held a meeting to provide oversight and ensure proper funding is accounted for throughout Nevada's local and state government. For additional information on the Interim Finance Committee and to review their past and future meeting agendas, please visit <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Interim/78th2015/Committee/Interim/IFC/?ID=1>.

Trustee's Parent and Constituent Meetings for October

Trustee Carolyn Edwards, District F
F-Troop Meeting
Friday, November 6 at 9:30 a.m.
Guinn Middle School, Library

Trustee Patrice Tew, District E
District E Parent Meeting
Tuesday, November 17 at 9:30 a.m.
Molasky Middle School, Library

Trustee Linda E. Young, District C
The Village Meeting
Wednesday, November 18 at 9:00 a.m.
CVT Gilbert Elementary School, Library

Trustee Erin Cranor, District G
District G Parent Meeting
Tuesday, November 17 at 9:30 a.m.
Vegas PBS, Room 122/123

School Board Student Advisory Committee



The School Board Student Advisory Committee held their first meeting of the 2015-2016 school year on October 6, 2015. Members of this committee are high school students appointed by the Board of School Trustees. The purpose of the committee is to discuss district policies, procedures and current events. Students give their feedback and ideas to the Board of School Trustees and district administrative leadership.

Meetings are open to the public and are generally held the first Tuesday of the month at the Instructional Design and Professional Learning Division (IDPLD), 3950 S. Pecos-McLeod, Las Vegas. For more information contact the Office of the Board of Trustees at 702-799-1072. The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2015, at 3:15 p.m. at the IDPLD, in room 118.

Revised Amended Final Budget

The Clark County School District (CCSD) budget staff typically prepares the amended final budget during the fall months of each year. This year as a result of the Nevada Legislative Session, amended final budget was prepared and submitted to the Board of School Trustees on June 29, 2015. Staff will be preparing the 2015-2016 Revised Amended Final Budget this fall. The resulting budget process is based on input from the Work Stream Chiefs throughout the summer and culminates with the approval of the Board of School Trustees in early December. Submission of the revised amended final budget to the Nevada State Department of Taxation will occur prior to Jan. 1, 2016.

Subsequent to the Amended Final Budget approval in late June, transfer requests are presented to the Board of School Trustees on a monthly basis for approval and additional funding requests for programs and staff equivalent changes are made since the original budget development. Student enrollment, now called Average Daily Enrollment (ADE), and reported on a quarterly basis, compared to enrollment count day in the past, was reported on Oct. 1, 2015, for quarter 1, reflecting the months of July to September. Enrollment impacts the amount of Distributive School Account funds received from the state of Nevada under the Nevada Plan. Staffing adjustments based on ADE for the school year will be incorporated into the budgeting process.

As more accurate information becomes available, all adjustments will be incorporated into the 2015-16 Revised Amended Final Budget, including the results of the student enrollment reporting and any other revisions of prior assumptions. Since budget development is a year-round process, staff will finalize the revised amended final budget while concurrently beginning the planning process for the tentative budget for fiscal year 2017.

New schools underway

This last week, the CCSD Board of School Trustees passed a set of guiding principles to guide the 2015 Capital Improvement Program. After weeks of collecting input through surveys and town hall meetings, we have determined the path for spending the approximately \$4.1 billion dollars that was provided by the rollover of the 1998 Bond. This money will cover approximately one-half of the overall need for new facilities, replacement of key systems and modernization of our older schools.

Previously, the Trustees passed a limited plan to address immediate needs of growth and replacing two of the oldest schools in the district. For the 2017-2018 academic year, CCSD will open six new elementary schools as well as open the doors to two replacement schools, Lincoln Elementary School and Rex Bell Elementary School. This is just the beginning of a new 10-year program. The beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year will bring the opening of another six new elementary schools.

The Bond Oversight Committee is a group of dedicated community members who help guide the district in our construction and modernization planning. Each month, these individuals meet together as a group and assist in setting direction for the use of our capital planning funds. The recommendations made by the Bond Oversight Committee are then taken to the Trustees for a final decision.

In order to ensure that we are good stewards of the money provided, we will utilize two different construction methods to determine the most efficient and lowest cost. For one-half of the schools, we will utilize the traditional construction bidding process. For the other half we will use a Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) method. The CMAR method is an attempt to reduce the amount of money spent on change orders and potentially reduce the overall cost.

Recently, CCSD staff prepared four options for the Bond Oversight Committee to consider. At our Sept. 24, 2015 regular board meeting, the Trustees voted on guiding principles that will determine how the money will be spent. Forty-nine percent of the funds will be spent to meet the needs of growth, including new schools and additions on existing elementary schools. Fifty-one percent of the funds will be used for replacement schools, modernization of existing schools and technology/major equipment replacement.

New schools underway (continued)

Two billion dollars will be utilized on new schools and additions to existing schools. This will include 35 new elementary schools, two new high schools, and 54 additions on existing elementary schools. This will significantly increase the number of new seats available for our schools. While the location of 12 of the new schools has already been determined, the remaining 23 will be determined over the next few years. The additions will increase the school capacity in areas where there is no land for new schools.

Two point one billion dollars will be utilized to provide replacement schools and to modernize systems in our older schools. Sixteen replacement schools will be built, including the phased replacement of five schools that were not completed in the 1998 Capital Improvement Program. These include the completion of the replacements of the Southeast Career and Technical Academy, Boulder City High School, Mabel Hoggard Math and Science Magnet School, and Twin Lakes Elementary School. These projects were started in the previous program, but will be completed with the new funds. Almost half of the money for modernization will be utilized to replace key systems that are in danger of failing and to provide rehab work for older facilities. We will also use these funds to ensure that the technology infrastructure and equipment is brought up to standards in every one of our schools.

Over the next 10 years our community will see many construction projects across the valley. We are excited to be able to begin the work of providing quality facilities for every student!

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