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## August/September 2014

District A

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

9/1/14...Labor Day Holiday

For a complete listing access:  
<http://www.ccsd.net/district/calendar/>

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

Thursday, August 28, 2014, 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, September 11, 2014, 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, September 25, 2014, 4:00 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 website: [CCSD Board Meetings](#)

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

Friday, August 29, 2014, 9:00 a.m.  
**Board Retreat**  
Sandy Valley Ranch  
1411 Kingston Road  
Sandy Valley, NV 89019

Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 8:00 a.m.  
**Board Work Session**  
Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room  
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

### DISTRICT A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (ACE) MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

September 2014 ACE meetings held at:  
Silvestri JHS  
1055 Silverado Ranch Boulevard  
Las Vegas, NV 89123

Dear families and friends of education,

I would like to welcome all of you to what I am sure is going to be a great school year. The Board and the Superintendent have been busy working all summer to strengthen the Clark County School District. This year in my District A Community Engagement (ACE) meetings I will be inviting many guest speakers to bring you up to date on relevant and accessible resources to help students grow academically, socially, and personally. Going into the Legislative Session, we will also be having many discussions about how parents can get involved in the legislative process, which affects all students in CCSD.

For the 2014-2015 school year, beginning in September, I will be holding ACE meetings in the evening every other month hoping to include those parents who are unavailable to come during the day. Please mark your calendar with the following dates and times:

#### Silvestri J/HS

1055 Silverado Ranch Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89123

September 9, 2014  
10:00am  
6:30pm

October 14, 2014  
10:00am

November 18, 2014  
10:00am  
6:30pm

December 9, 2014  
10:00am

I hope you will make some time to come.

Enjoy your first days of school, and we will see you soon.

Your Trustee,  
Deanna Wright

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## Clark County School District to Add Additional Magnet & Select School Options

The Clark County School District (CCSD) is adding seven new Magnet programs and five Select School options for the 2015-16 school year. Another four Magnet programs will be added for the 2016-17 school year. It will create more opportunities and choices for students, as well as help address overcrowding in some schools, drawing students to less-crowded schools with Magnet programs. Click [here](#) for details. We encourage you to visit the Magnet and Career and Technical Academies website for more information about each of the Magnet Schools in Clark County School District at <http://ccsd.net/schools/magnet-cta/>

## Clark County Offers Variety of Parenting Programs



The Clark County [Parenting Project](#) offers a series of free programs to help parents be more effective in raising their children. Among the available programs are ParenTeen Solutions and Blended Families. All classes are free. Call (702) 455-5295 for more information.

## Eligible Families Urged to Apply for FRL Program

Parents can apply online for [meal benefits](#) for the upcoming 2014-15 school year. A new application must be submitted each school year. Many students are eligible for free meals through the National School Lunch Program available in all Clark County School District (CCSD) schools. The program provides nutritious meals (breakfast and lunch) every school day and does not identify students who receive free meals from those who pay for meals. Parents can view the income guideline eligibility chart at [ccsd.net/departments/food-service](http://ccsd.net/departments/food-service) or at [applyforlunch.com](http://applyforlunch.com). The CCSD Food Service Department can be reached at (702) 799-8123.

## CCSD Holds Summer Graduation Ceremonies



Congratulations to our graduates for their hard work and dedication. On August 18, 2014, 422 of CCSD students from 44 CCSD schools walked the stage at the Smith Center to receive their high school diplomas.

## Immunizations

CCSD requires up-to-date medical records indicating that your child has had, or at least started, the following series of immunizations:

- Minimum of 4 DTap/DTP doses: Final dose must be on or after the 4th birthday.
- Minimum of 3 Polio doses: Final dose must be on or after the 4th birthday.
- Two MMR doses: 1st dose must be on or after the 1st birthday. 1st and 2nd dose must be separated by at least 28 days.
- One Tdap dose: A child enrolling in 7th grade is required to have 1 Tdap (Bordetella Pertussis) regardless of when the last Tetanus (Td) was given. The < 5 year rule since the last Tetanus no longer applies.
- Two Hepatitis A doses: 2nd dose must be given at least 6 months after the 1st dose. (Required for students new to Nevada or District after July 1, 2002.)
- Three Hepatitis B doses: Must have a minimum of 4 months between 1st and 3rd dose and > 6 months old when 3rd dose was given. (Required for students new to Nevada or District after July 1, 2002.)
- Two Chicken Pox (Varicella) doses: 1st dose on or after 1st birthday. 1st and 2nd dose must be separated by at least 28 days if age 13 years of age or older. Minimum interval of 3 months between doses 1 and 2 if age is less than 13 years. (Required for students new to Nevada or District after July 2, 2011). Physician verification of past disease required for Varicella vaccine exemption.

## Superintendent Outlines Ambitious Agenda for New School Year



Every new school year is filled with promise and challenges, and the 2014-15 school year will be no different. Students, parents and employees will see a number of changes this school year, according to Clark County School District Superintendent [Pat Skorkowsky](#).

## Clark County School District New Back to School Website

Learn about registration, transportation, food service and much more by visiting CCSD's new Back to School website at <http://ccsd.net/schools/back-to-school>

## CCSD Grads Create Anti-Bullying App

A group of CCSD graduates created a new app that helps children report bullying. As [KSNV-TV](#) reports, the Bully Alert app was created after Southwest CTA graduate Marcos Ontiveros brainstormed ways of helping his sister, who had experienced bullying. Ontiveros said, "It was just kind of sad just seeing her cry." KSNV said, "The Bully Alert app will be used in select (CCSD) middle schools so students can file a bullying incident report from their phones, directly to the administration."

Bully Alert will initially be piloted in a handful of schools, but these entrepreneurs hope it spreads to other schools in CCSD and across the nation.