



Deanna L. Wright

December 2014

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

12/22/14...Winter Break Begins  
01/05/15...Classes Resume  
01/19/15...Martin Luther King's Day

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:**

Thursday, January 8, 2015, 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, January 22, 2015, 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](#)

**BOARD WORK SESSIONS**

Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room  
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Oath of Office  
Monday, January 5, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room  
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

**DISTRICT A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (ACE)  
MEETINGS**

Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Coronado HS, Room 200  
1001 Coronado Center Dr.  
Henderson, NV 89052

Parents and Community Members,

At the close of 2014 I want to wish all of you a holiday season filled with joy, love, laughter, and wonderful memories to last a life time.

See you in 2015!

**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 Settlemeyer, 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).

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.

Your Trustee,

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## 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.

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## Foothill High School Marching Band



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

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## 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/leaderssavealives](http://www.redcrossblood.org/leaderssavealives) 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](http://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](http://www.pledgeofachievement.com).

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.