

DISTRICT C: THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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“Students First: It Takes a Village to Educate a Child.”



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IMPORTANT DATES

FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

12/25/17-01/05/18	Winter Break
01/15/18	Martin Luther King Day
02/15, 16/18	Presidents' Day (Extended Presidents' Day Holiday)
02/19/18	Presidents' Day
03/26-30/18	Spring Break
04/02/18	No School for Students and Licensed Employees
05/28/18	Memorial Day

For a complete list of calendar dates access

[CCSD 2017-2018 School Calendar](#)

PARENTS/STUDENTS CLASS RESUMES

Monday, January 8, 2018

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

December 14, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
January 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
January 25, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
February 8, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
February 22, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
March 8, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
March 22, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
April 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
April 26, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Board meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month unless otherwise *noted

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

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WORK SESSION MEETINGS

December 6, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
January 10, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
February 7, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
March 7, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
April 4, 2018, 8:00 a.m.

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Happy
Holidays



Dear District C, "The VILLAGE": Parents, Principals, CCSD Staff, Students, Community, and Friends:

"Good Ideas are not adopted automatically. They must be driven into practice with courageous patience."
Hyman Rickover

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Presentation

The Clark County School District (CCSD) Business and Finance Unit 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, 2017, by Eide Bailly, LLP. The district received an Unmodified 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, prior to October 31, 2017, the CAFR was submitted to the CCSD Board of School Trustees (Board) 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 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 at a November 14, 2017, Joint Meeting with the Audit Advisory Committee. At the meeting, Eide Bailly staff presented the Independent Auditor's Reports, Government Auditing Standards Report, Report on Internal Controls Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and Auditor's Comments while Chief Financial Officer Nikki Thorn presented the CAFR to the Board for approval.

The Amended Final Budget is scheduled for presentation to the Board on December 14, 2017, and is the final budget cycle for this fiscal year. The CAFR season for fiscal year 2017 has officially closed, the Amended Final Budget is nearing completion, and budget development for fiscal year 2019 is beginning.

Stay in School Mentoring Program

The School-Community Partnership Program is now recruiting mentors for the Stay in School elementary and middle school mentoring programs, as well as the Reclaim Your Future high school mentoring program. All mentoring takes place on school grounds during school hours. The time commitment for both mentor programs is about one hour week, and all volunteers must attend a training session and go through a background check. For more information, please call Liberty Leavitt or Mary Racine 702-766-6560. Be a mentor and change a life, including your own!

REMINDER: My December 20, VILLAGE Meeting is CANCELED. My next VILLAGE Meeting will be Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 9:30am, in the library at John C. Fremont Middle School. This meeting is open to everyone. I am looking forward to seeing you there! Meeting information for the 2017-18 school year is listed on the next page.

ALWAYS REMEMBER: "YOU ARE THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!"

Yours for Excellence in Education,
Dr. Linda E. Young, School Board Trustee, District C
Clark County School District, Las Vegas, Nevada



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2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR
DISTRICT C: "THE VILLAGE" MEETING DATE AND HOSTING SCHOOL

2017

- Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
School: Hyde Park Middle School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-4260
Address: 900 Hinson Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107
- Date/Time:** Monday, October 30, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
School: Matt Kelly Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-4750
Address: 1900 "J" Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
- Date/Time:** Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
School: Dr. Claude G. Perkins Elementary School, Cafeteria **Phone:** 702-799-1805
Address: 3700 Shadow Tree Street, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
School: Cecil Pittman Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-4213
Address: 3333 North Alexander Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
- CANCELED**

2018

- Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 9:30 a.m.
School: John C. Fremont Professional Development Middle School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-5558
Address: 1100 East St. Louis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 9:30 a.m.
School: Lincoln Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-7133
Address: 3010 Berg Street, North Las Vegas, NV 89030
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 9:30 a.m.
School: Canyon Springs High School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-1870
Address: 350 East Alexander Road, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 9:30 a.m.
School: Vegas Verdes Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-5960
Address: 4000 El Parque Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 9:30 a.m.
School: H. P. Fitzgerald Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-0600
Address: 2651 North Revere Street, North Las Vegas, NV 89030

Useful Links

Report a Bully

ccsd.net/students/bully/

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

nevadatreasurer.gov

Newsroom

newsroom.ccsd.net/

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

rpd.net/

Clark County School Achieves

<http://reorg.ccsd.net/>

School Board Meetings

ccsd.net/trustees/meeting-agendas/

Student Enrollment

ccsd.net/parents/enrollment/

Transportation

ccsd.net/departments/transportation

Zoning

ccsd.net/schools/zoning/

Trustee's Parent and Constituent Meetings for December



Trustee Lola Brooks, District E
District E Parent/Constituent Meeting
Tuesday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m.
Bonanza High School, Library

Winter Holiday Break

There will be no school for CCSD students and licensed employees December 25 thru January 5. All CCSD locations will be closed December 25 and 26 for Winter Holiday Break.

Message from CCSD Regarding Fingerprinting of Volunteers

A new state law is now in effect requiring adults who volunteer at our schools or during school activities to be fingerprinted.

Senate Bill 287 requires all volunteers with unsupervised OR regular contact with students to be fingerprinted. Regular contact is defined as volunteering at least four times a month.

For those volunteers who have unsupervised contact with students or who regularly volunteer, an application process has been put into place district-wide.

This process includes completing the online application at ccsd.net/protectourkids, processing payment to complete a background check including fingerprinting, acknowledgment as being a mandatory child abuse reporter, and being issued a CCSD volunteer badge.

We understand that some parents and volunteers may have concerns with this process. You can express your opinion at ccsd.net/protectourkids. CCSD is implementing this process in order to comply with the new state law.

We encourage parents to continue to be engaged in their child's education.

If you have any additional questions, contact your child's school directly. We thank you for your patience and cooperation.

High School Seniors Urged to Apply for Public Education Foundation Scholarships

The Public Education Foundation is starting the 24th year of its scholarship program and is urging high school seniors to start the application process now. Last year the Foundation awarded \$1.3 million in scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary education. The application deadline for scholarships is January 31, 2018. Students can visit The Public Education Foundation's website – thepef.org – for information about how to apply and learn more about the available scholarships.

The scholarships can make college accessible for students who might not otherwise dream of a college education. "We are thankful for the continuing generosity of our donors who are instrumental in helping students further their education," said Judi Steele, president & CEO of The Public Education Foundation. Scholarships are funded by community leaders, businesses, organizations, individuals and families. Most of the awards range from \$500 to \$5,000 annually and some are renewable. The scholarships are based on a variety of criteria such as academic achievement, motivation, planned area of study and/or financial need.

Gender Diverse Working Group to Examine Formalized Guidance for Staff Members

In May 2017, Board of School Trustee member Carolyn Edwards asked Clark County School District staff members and the community to examine the possibility of formalized guidance regarding gender diverse students.

[CCSD created a Gender Diverse Working Group](#) that includes representatives of families, community members, faith leaders, and CCSD staff and students, to examine existing policies and guidelines in other districts and draft guidelines from the Nevada Department of Education.

Principals have asked for assistance with the growing number of students who are identifying as transgender or gender diverse.

Currently, CCSD works out plans on a case-by-case basis for students. Not only is this becoming increasingly time-consuming, but there is also a concern that students will not be treated equitably.

The group is working to determine:

- Should CCSD develop a standalone policy specific to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for gender diverse students?
- If not, should CCSD develop language for the administrators' handbook on how to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for gender diverse students?

CCSD will take the working group's recommendations to the public in a set of five public meetings:

Durango HS, Theater

Friday, December 1, 2017 from 9:30a – 11a

Western HS, Theater

Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 11a – 12:30p

Eldorado HS, Theater

Tuesday, December 5, 2017, from 5:30p – 7p

Silverado HS, Theater

Wednesday, December 6, 2017, from 6p – 7:30p

Cimarron-Memorial HS, Theater

Thursday, December 7, 2017, from 6p – 7:30p

All families, students and community members are invited to provide their input.

CCSD staff will work to incorporate feedback from the public with the working group recommendations. A final recommendation will be made to the superintendent, who can choose to forward it to the Board of School Trustees for a vote in December or January.

For more information, including to see what information the working group is reviewing, visit ccsd.net/genderdiverse.

Parents Urged to take the 2017 CCSD Parent Survey

Safety, academics and school climate are among the many topics that are the focus of the 2017 Clark County School District (CCSD) [Parent Survey](http://ccsd.net/survey), available online from October 30 – December 22, 2017, at ccsd.net/survey. The 10-minute survey, available in English and Spanish, is confidential and part of the district's efforts to engage the community on important issues facing students and their families.

"Engagement is one of the district's Pledge of Achievement success indicators. The annual survey is an important opportunity for us to hear from and listen to what parents think about their child's school and the district as a whole," said Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky. "It is vital that we receive feedback from parents as CCSD employees work hard to improve all areas of education."

Surveys have also been designed for students and staff to take at ccsd.net/survey, in order for CCSD to obtain a full representation of all groups that make up the school district.

Questions asked in the survey align with district goals, focus areas and strategic imperatives that will be used to help make improvements to schools and increase parent engagement. As part of the district's efforts to maintain transparency with the community, survey results will be made available to the public in early 2018.

For parents and guardians who wish to participate, but do not have computer/internet access, the following locations have computers available for public use:

• All CCSD schools

- CCSD Administrative Center, 5100 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas
- CCSD Curriculum and Professional Development Building, 3950 S. Pecos-McLeod, Las Vegas
- CCSD Edward A. Greer Education Center, 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas

CCSD offices located at:

- 5240 Goldfield St., North Las Vegas (Mojave HS campus)
- 2298 Vegas Valley Drive, Las Vegas, (Valley HS campus)
- 4760 W. Desert Inn Road, Las Vegas (Cashman MS campus)

Parents Urged to take the 2017 CCSD Parent Survey (continued)

There are several questions on the survey that are school specific; therefore parents and guardians must enter their child's student ID number and birth date or the name of the school when completing the survey at ccsd.net/survey. Entering student information ensures that each school is receiving their specific responses from parents to gauge their school climate. The identity of individual students, parents or staff who respond to the survey will not be disclosed to any school or district administrator. Survey results will only be shared in the aggregate.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and is accessible on tablets and smart phones. Every parent is invited to take a survey for each child enrolled in a CCSD school.

Parents and guardians may request a paper copy of the survey from their child's school. Any questions or concerns can be addressed by calling CCSD's Assessment, Accountability, Research and School Improvement division at 702-799-1041, option 4.

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

On November 16, more than 300 CCSD high school juniors and seniors attended the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, which aims to bring cultural and religious awareness and unity to our community. Students had the opportunity to eat breakfast with local business leaders and elected officials. They also took part in a town hall with local elected officials and Clark County School District Chief Academic Officer Dr. Mike Barton.

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