## **Executive Summary**

## **Budget Presentation**

The Comprehensive Annual Budget Report is intended to provide a comprehensive disclosure of all budgetary matters impacting the District's financial plan. It is prepared in accordance with the professional best practices provided by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) budget preparation award programs for the benefit of the citizens and other users of its financial information.

The District's budgeted financial information is prepared and maintained using the modified accrual basis of accounting for all governmental funds and the accrual basis of accounting for all proprietary funds. These bases conform with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Unencumbered appropriations are not carried forward into subsequent fiscal periods.

The **Comprehensive Annual Budget Report** conforms to recommended practices put forth by the ASBO's Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) program while maintaining its practices acceptable to the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation 1. Award program. This report is organized into introductory, organizational, financial, and informational sections. Please reference the table of contents for indexed location of 2. financial information.

#### **Financial Reporting Entity**

The **Comprehensive Annual Budget Report** includes all of the activities that comprise the financial reporting entity of the Clark County School District ("District"). The District is governed by an elected, seven member Board of School Trustees ("Board"). The Board is legally separate and fiscally independent from other governing bodies; therefore, the District is a primary government and is not reported as a component unit by any other governmental unit. The District's boundaries are contiguous with Clark County, Nevada and encompass 8,012 square miles of the southern tip of the State.

Comprehensive educational services are provided to all resident students in grades kindergarten through twelfth. The District operates 351 schools and will serve an estimated 321,308 students during 2016-17.

#### **Major Goals and Objectives**

The District maintains its commitment to the vision set forth by the Board even through economic recessions and funding difficulties. That vision direct's the superintendent to ensure: "All students progress in school and graduate prepared to succeed and contribute in a diverse global society." To achieve this vision, the Board sets forth four specific goals. These goals, also called "Ends," define expectations for students and are illustrated below:

- Students meet State and Federal guidelines as well as appropriate benchmarks for academic proficiency in all areas and all grade levels.
- Students meet State and District guidelines in art, career and technical education, physical education and lifelong wellness.
- 3. Students demonstrate personal and workplace skills.
- 4. Students demonstrate positive character skills.

Academic achievement objectives drive the budget framework and financial management in order to support the board vision for our stakeholders and community.



## **Budget Process**

Budgeting in the District is on a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year basis and is a year-round process. The cycle begins in the fall of the prior school year and continues until a final budget is filed with the Nevada Department of Education and the Nevada Department of Taxation in the spring of the following year. After the Average Daily Enrollment (ADE) is calculated for the first quarter of the fiscal year, the District is required to adopt an amended final budget on or before January 1, reflecting any adjustments necessary as a result of the Average Daily Enrollment.

The process of budget formulation involves a number of participants. Work Stream Chiefs, after reviewing their various budget needs, submit their requests for staffing, supplies, and equipment to the Budget Department. These requests are then summarized by the Budget Department, whose responsibility is to prepare a tentative budget for consideration by the superintendent and presentation to the Board for approval.

An amended budget may be approved by the Board in any year in which the legislature increases (or decreases) the revenues of a local government, if the increase (or decrease) was not included or anticipated in the local government's final budget as adopted. The 2016-17 Final Budget was adopted by the Board on May 18, 2016. This 2016-17 Comprehensive Annual Budget Report reflects the final budget.

After the Board approved the amended final budget, it became the responsibility of the Budget Department to implement and monitor the budget. A system of budget allotments is established for each departmental unit (reference unit budgets in the General Operating Budget section). Daily review of transaction data is available with user access through network connections which reflect appropriation levels, encumbrances, and year-to-date expenditures. This reporting system also enables the Budget Department to monitor all of the District's budgets on a regular basis and provides the necessary controls.

If it becomes necessary during the course of the year to change any of the departmental budgets, transfers are initiated by department heads and approved by the appropriate administrator. Transfers between programs or function classifications require approval of the Board.



## **Budget Policies and Organization**

Resource management is guided and constrained by Board policies. These policies, as they relate to budget and finance, are established through Board regulations 3110 and 3130. These Board regulations set forth the authority and expectations to manage District resources based on established guidelines.

Additional guidelines are provided through performance measurements set in the negative. These performance measurements, as they relate to budget and finance, are communicated through Executive Limitations (EL). Executive Limitations communicate expectations for management by limiting the abilities of management to harm the organization through strategic planning and/or day to day operational decision making.

The accounting and budgeting policies of the District conform to the accounting principles and budgeting best practices for local districts as prescribed by the Nevada Department of Education and generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis of budgeting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported on the financial statements. Basis of budgeting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Funds included in the preparation of the fiscal year 2016-17 budget are reflected on the following page titled District Funds.

#### Governmental Accounting - Funds Overview

The District maintains 22 governmental funds that are used to account for all tax funded activities, including Federal and State aid. Through the current financial resources measurement focus the following funds classifications are used to group District activities:

General Fund - This major governmental fund is the District's operating fund and is used to account for all financial transactions and expenditures associated with the administration and daily operations of the schools except for Federal and State grant-funded programs, school construction, debt service, food service operations, and interdepartmental services.

Special Revenue Funds - the District maintains one major governmental and six non-major governmental special revenue funds. These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Debt Service Funds - The District operates two major debt service funds that are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest.

Capital Projects Funds - the District maintains three major governmental and three non-major governmental capital projects funds to account for all resources used exclusively for acquiring and improving school sites, constructing and equipping new school facilities, and renovations.

Proprietary Funds - These funds account for the District's business-type activities. The economic resources measurement focus is proprietary in nature relying on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. There are two types of proprietary funds: enterprise and internal service funds.

There are three distinctions between enterprise and internal service funds: first, a fundamental difference between the customers serviced; second, the extent to which expenses are recovered through charges and fees; and thirdly, the application of private sector reporting requirements. The District maintains one enterprise fund and two internal service funds that provide for food services, risk management services and graphic arts services.

#### Financial Plan

The District's financial plan is developed within projected available resources and is presented by budget units within each fund. Total resources for all funds of the District, including beginning balances and other financing sources, are \$5.2 billion. Expenditures total \$4.8 billion, with ending balances for all funds combined totaling \$471 million. The amount of ending balances primarily reflects the expectation

#### **District Funds** General Funds 0100<sup>1</sup> General Fund 0140<sup>1</sup> Indirect Cost Fund 0160<sup>1</sup> **Donations And Trusts Fund** 0170<sup>1</sup> District Projects Fund **Special Revenue Funds** 02002 Class Size Reduction Fund 0220 Vegas PBS Fund 0230 Adult High School Diploma Program Fund 02501 Special Education Fund 0279 State Grants/Projects Fund 0280 Federal Projects Fund 0285 Medicaid Fund **Debt Service Funds** Debt Service Fund 0400<sup>1</sup> 0401<sup>1</sup> Debt Service Revenue Bonds Fund **Capital Projects Funds** 0308<sup>1</sup> Bond Fund - 1998 Building Program $0315^{1}$ Bond Fund - 2015 Capital Program 0330 **Building And Sites Fund** 03351 AB 353 Fund - 1998 Building Program 0340 Governmental Services Tax Fund

0600 Food Services Fund

#### **Internal Service Funds**

**Enterprise Fund** 

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0700 Insurance And Risk Management Fund 0710 Graphic Arts Production Fund

Capital Replacement Fund

(1) Major funds in the government-wide financial statements.

(2) The Class Size Reduction Fund (0200) has been included in the General Operating Fund for

this Comprehensive Annual Budget Report.

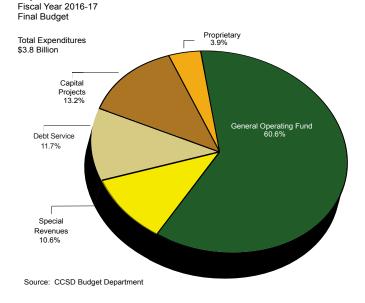
that the District will have balances in the General Operating Fund (\$53 million), Capital Projects (\$325 million), and Debt Service Funds (\$26 million). The General Fund together with the Special Education and Class Size Reduction Funds provides for the General Operating Fund and includes the budgets necessary to provide for the basic instruction of students and the day-to-day operational activities of the school system.

The final budget summary reflects a total decrease in ending fund balances of over \$218 million, or 31.6%. The Capital Projects Funds has a planned decrease of \$223 million, or 41.5% for the spending of bond proceeds as the District operationalizes the 2015 Capital Improvement program.

## **Districtwide Funds Analysis**

Revenue Highlights: In addition to the discussion of the General Operating Fund revenues on page 14, most funds will experience increases in total revenues with the largest increase in the Debt Service Fund and the Special Revenue Fund. The Debt Service Fund is expected to increase over \$317 million from the revised amended final budget; this is related to the issuances of new bonds. The Special Revenue Fund is expected to increase over \$25 million from the revised amended final budget; this is related to the additional Full Day Kindergarten funding.

Expenditure Highlights: Page 15 presents an overview of the General Operating Fund expenditures. The 2016-2017 General Operating Fund Expenditures will increase by \$7.0 million from the 2015-2016 revised amended final budget. In the Capital Projects Funds there is a planned increase of \$220 million from the new school construction to relieve crowded classrooms. As well as, a \$352 million increase in



**Expenditures - All Funds** 

## All District Funds - Final Budget Summary Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Fiscal Voar 2016-17

Description	General Operating Funds	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Proprietary Funds¹	Total All Funds
Revenues:						
Local sources	\$1,466,683,000	\$9,682,624	\$323,025,000	\$142,112,000	\$37,030,000	\$1,978,532,62
State sources	838,717,600	204,218,470			450,000	1,043,386,07
Federal sources	300,000	196,242,407		5,656,000	115,400,000	317,598,40
Total revenues	2,305,700,600	410,143,501	323,025,000	147,768,000	152,880,000	3,339,517,10
Expenditures:						
Salaries	1,448,101,454	220,680,923		8,185,000	30,946,529	1,707,913,90
Employee fringe benefits	620,780,598	89,488,826		2,895,000	11,852,014	725,016,43
Purchased services	88,577,209	40,607,801		454,207,500	12,436,058	595,828,56
Supplies	149,324,678	46,923,260		14,270,000	78,844,731	289,362,66
Property and equipment	36,639,122	4,114,000		32,000,000	90,000	72,843,12
Other expenditures	3,609,296	9,867,790		232,500	15,072,727	28,782,3
Depreciation					1,795,000	1,795,00
Debt service			453,675,376			453,675,37
Total expenditures	2,347,032,357	411,682,600	453,675,376	511,790,000	151,037,059	3,875,217,39
Excess (deficiency) of						
revenues over expenditures	(41,331,757)	(1,539,099)	(130,650,376)	(364,022,000)	1,842,941	(535,700,29
Other sources (uses):						
Gain on disposal of assets	50,000					50,00
Sale of bonds	34,500,000			160,000,000		194,500,00
Proceeds of refunding bonds			895,325,934			895,325,93
Payment to escrow agent			(891,201,001)			(891,201,00
Loan proceeds						
Transfers from other funds	302,052,032		111,133,074			413,185,1
Transfers to other funds	(302,052,032)			(111,133,074)		(413,185,10
Total sources (uses)	34,550,000		115,258,007	48,866,926		198,674,93
Fund balances, July 1	59,267,757	18,797,803	41,127,086	640,310,434	48,900,650	808,403,73
Fund balances, June 30	\$52,486,000	\$17,258,704	\$25,734,717	\$325,155,360	\$50,743,591	\$471,378,37
Percent increase (decrease)	(11.4%)	(8.2%)	(37.4%)	(49.2%)	3.8%	(41.7
1) Proprietary funds ending fund balan	coe are reflected as cumu	lative uprostricted not	t accete			

## All District Funds - Final Budget Analysis For Fiscal Years 2014-15 Through 2016-17

Description	Actual 2014-15	Estimated 2015-16	Final Budget 2016-17	FY 2015-16 vs. \$ Change	FY 2016-17 % Change
Revenues:	2017 10	2010 10	2010 11	ψ Onlange	70 Officinge
Local sources	\$1,861,259,302	\$1,962,507,397	\$1,978,532,624	16,025,227	0.8%
State sources	961,240,524	\$973,070,435	\$1,043,386,070	70,315,635	7.2%
Federal sources	288,237,492	\$314,535,752	\$317,598,407	3,062,655	1.0%
Total revenues	3,110,737,318	3,250,113,584	3,339,517,101	89,403,517	2.8%
Expenditures:					
Salaries	1,592,498,378	1,691,160,483	1,707,913,906	16,753,423	1.0%
Employee fringe benefits	624,461,400	702,417,680	725,016,438	22,598,758	3.2%
Purchased services	142,603,987	183,666,088	595,828,568	412,162,480	224.4%
Supplies	285,933,370	276,464,790	289,362,669	12,897,879	4.7%
Property and equipment	38,772,852	52,419,250	72,843,122	20,423,872	39.0%
Other expenditures	27,033,053	30,449,315	28,782,313	(1,667,002)	(5.5%)
Depreciation	1,662,155	1,698,167	1,795,000	96,833	5.7%
Debt service	444,887,499	411,571,748	453,675,376	42,103,628	10.2%
Total expenditures	3,157,852,694	3,349,847,521	3,875,217,392	525,369,871	15.7%
Excess (deficiency)					
of revenues over expenditures	(47,115,376)	(99,733,937)	(535,700,291)	(435,966,354)	(437.1%)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Gain on disposal of assets	-	50,000	50,000	-	-
Sale of bonds		413,948,000	194,500,000	(219,448,000)	100%
Proceeds of refunding bonds	434,397,084	579,797,101	895,325,934	315,528,833	54.4%
Payment to escrow agent	(435,123,869)	(576,900,203)	(891,201,001)	(314,300,798)	54.5%
Loan proceeds		-	-	-	-
Prior period restatement (GASB 68)	(48,153,722)				-
Interfund transfers in	432,464,551	424,747,445	413,185,106	(11,562,339)	(2.7%)
Interfund transfers (out)	(432,464,551)	(424,747,270)	(413,185,106)	11,562,164	(2.7%)
Total other financing sources	(48,880,507)	416,895,073	198,674,933	(218,220,140)	(52.3%)
Fund balances - July 1	587,238,477	491,242,594	808,403,730	317,161,136	64.6%
Fund balances - June 30	\$491,242,594	\$808,403,730	\$471,378,372	\$(337,025,358)	(41.7%)
Source: CCSD Budget and Accounting Departments					

the Debt Service Fund, related to the new bond issuance.

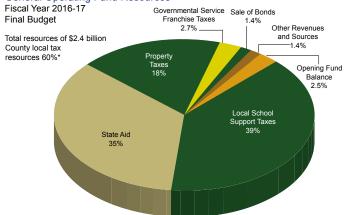
# The General Operating Budget - General and Special Education Funds Combined

**Revenues** - During fiscal year 2016-17, it is anticipated that General Operating Fund revenues will increase by 2.4% to \$2.31 billion compared to \$2.25 billion from the prior year. The largest factors contributing to the net change in financial resources is the \$61 increase to the per-pupil funding and the student enrollment, which is projected to grow by 2,136 to over 321,308.

Projected General Operating Fund resources of \$2.4 billion, including revenues, bond proceeds, and beginning balances, and expenditures of more than \$2.4 billion generally reflect the continuation of current service levels and implementation of budgetary reductions and cost saving measures within projected revenues and provide for a projected ending balance of \$52.5 million with no reserve for contingencies.

Local sources are projected to total \$1.47 billion, or 63.6% of the General Operating Fund revenues, while State funding

#### General Operating Fund Resources



\*County taxes include: Local School Support Taxes (Sales Tax), Property Taxes, Governmental Service Taxes Franchise Taxes and other county taxes.

Source: CCSD Budget Department

#### **General Operating Fund - History Of Resources**

For Fiscal Years 2007-08 Through 2016-17

	County	% of	State	% of	Federal	% of	Other	% of	Opening	% of	Total
Year	Taxes	Total	Sources	Total	Sources	Total	Sources	Total	Balances	Total	Resources
2007-08	1,304,601,148	57.9	744,247,587	33.0	547,130	-	49,088,717 <sup>3</sup>	2.2	155,623,283	6.9	2,254,107,865
2008-09	1,263,951,844	54.5	781,792,314	33.7	82,265,3772	3.6	28,162,582	1.2	163,474,529	7.0	2,319,646,646
2009-10	1,300,965,604	56.4	802,013,854	34.8	303,570	-	37,174,021	1.6	167,310,793	7.2	2,307,767,842
2010-11	1,206,926,415	54.0	797,169,570	35.6	337,954	-	88,290,574	3.9	145,055,694	6.5	2,237,780,207
2011-12	1,222,078,785	56.4	795,306,492	36.7	839,281	-	51,342,101	2.4	96,620,752	4.5	2,166,187,411
2012-13	1,238,522,974	57.1	802,484,056	37.0	374,155	-	49,660,847	2.3	76,982,721	3.6	2,168,024,753
2013-14	1,315,385,464	56.1	874,383,753	37.3	237,429	-	60,363,976	2.6	92,596,487	4.0	2,342,967,109
2014-15	1,381,637,431	57.4	867,343,000	36.1	300,000	-	36,100,000	1.5	119,902,569	5.0	2,405,283,000
2015-16 <sup>1</sup>	1,466,776,000	60.6	808,025,000	33.4	300,000	-	34,600,000	1.4	110,000,000	4.6	2,419,701,000
2016-17 <sup>1</sup>	1,466,683,000	61.1	838,717,600	35.0	300,000	-	34,550,000	1.4	59,267,757	2.5	2,399,518,357
¹ Projected amounts ² Includes \$82,239,829 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act											

<sup>3</sup> Includes \$12,308,301 in sale of medium-term bonds

is projected to total \$839 million, or 36.4% of total revenues. Federal revenues from claims for Medicaid administration. Impact Aid, and the National Forest Service are estimated to total \$300 thousand. Other resource components are the sale of \$34.5 million in medium-term financing bonds and the projected beginning fund balance is \$59 million. The opening fund balance component reflects the General Fund's estimated 2015-16 ending fund balance and is subject to change based on the verification of the annual financial audit to be completed in October.

**Expenditures** - Expenditure appropriations are more than \$2.35 billion to fund the District's strategic priorities and reflect the intent to address and accomplish the Board's strategic imperatives directed at improving student achievement with a major focus on classroom instruction. Total expenditure allocations are projected to increase by almost \$7 million from the 2015-2016 revised amended final budget of \$2.34 billion and will provide support and are aligned with budgetary priorities established by the Board of Trustees.

## Tax Base and Rate Trends

The taxable assessed valuation is expected to increase slightly by \$5.3 billion, or 7.7%, to \$74.6 billion in the fiscal year 2017. General Operating Fund property tax collections are projected to grow by \$4 million to \$429 million and Debt Service Fund collections by \$3 million to \$322 million, while maintaining the prior year's total tax levy ratio of .013034.

#### **Projections - Looking Forward**

Distributive School Account (DSA) funding is a significant component (77.5%) of the General Operating Fund revenues and is mostly determined by the biennial Nevada State Legislature. Key funding elements involve LSST (sales) taxes and property tax collections based upon fluctuating local property valuations. It is highly likely that the revenue projections below could vary somewhat. Expenditures for salaries and benefits could also fluctuate based upon final agreements from the ongoing negotiations with each of the

## **General Operating Fund - Projected Budgets**

For Fiscal Vegre 2016 17 Through 2010 20

Description	2016-17 Budgeted	2017-18 Projected	2018-19 Projected	2019-20 Projected	Projected Growth Rate
Revenues	2,305,700,600	2,400,798,000	2,451,378,000	\$2,501,958,000	2.1%
Expenditures	2,347,032,357	2,400,000,000	2,440,000,000	2,480,000,000	1.7%
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(41,331,757)	798,000	11,378,000	21,958,000	
Other sources and (uses)	34,550,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Opening fund balance - July 1	59,267,757	52,486,000	53,384,000	64,862,000	
Ending fund balance - June 30	\$52,486,000	\$53,384,000	\$64,862,000	\$86,920,000	
Fund Balance:					
Nonspendable	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,200,000	\$5,200,000	
Restricted	250,000	250,000	500,000	500,000	
Assigned	3,295,200	2,234,000	12,062,000	33,020,000	
Unassigned	43,940,800	45,900,000	47,100,000	48,200,000	
Total Fund Balance	\$52,486,000	\$53,384,000	\$64,862,000	\$86,920,000	

Source: CCSD Budget and Accounting Departments

## **General Operating Fund - Major Expenditure Areas** For Fiscal Years 2012-13 Through 2016-17

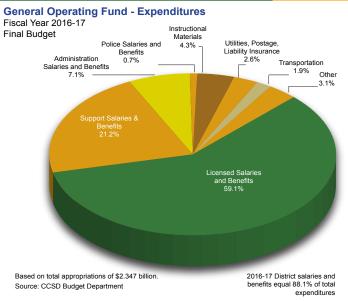
Description	Actual 2012-13	Actual 2013-14	Actual 2014-15	Estimated Actual 2015-16	Final Budget 2016-17	Percentage
Description	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Change
Salaries and benefits:						
Licensed salaries	\$892,183,845	\$925,020,661	\$948,433,867	\$988,199,653	\$981,971,527	(0.6)%
Licensed benefits	349,344,190	370,024,376	376,557,040	415,794,176	406,291,290	(2.3)%
Total licensed staff	1,241,528,035	1,295,045,037	1,324,990,907	1,403,993,829	1,388,262,817	(1.1)%
Support salaries	309,169,598	210 909 105	326,019,394	330,365,868	338,212,427	2.4 %
Support benefits	121,325,691	319,898,195 127,959,045	129,319,507	138,629,385	159,688,588	15.2 %
Total support staff	430,495,289	447,857,240	455,338,901	468,995,253	497,901,015	6.2 %
Total support stall	430,493,269	447,007,240	455,556,901	400,990,200	497,901,015	0.2 %
Administrative salaries	104,384,508	110,706,851	117,399,506	117,954,591	117,180,747	(0.7)%
Administrative benefits	40,967,117	44,282,660	46,567,924	49,496,555	49,234,044	(0.5)%
Total administrative staff	145,351,625	154,989,511	163,967,429	167,451,146	166,414,791	(0.6)%
Police salaries	10,719,320	10,768,288	11,033,100	10,747,968	10,736,753	(0.1)%
Police benefits	4,185,342	4,307,307	4,376,412	4,510,104	5,566,676	23.4 %
Total police staff	14,904,662	15,075,596	15,409,512	15,258,072	16,303,429	6.9 %
Total salaries and benefits	1,832,279,611	1,912,967,384	1,959,706,749	2,055,698,300	2,068,882,052	0.6 %
Services and materials:						
Instructional materials	60,163,129	76,595,955	74,431,792	104,870,919	101,917,602	(2.8)%
Transportation	34,824,480	43,119,724	48,243,578	47,419,961	43,483,716	(8.3)%
Utilities, postage, property liability	83,154,100	84,618,104	92,380,881	59,367,726	62,018,948	4.5 %
Other expenditures	60,189,830	74,921,562	79,149,031	63,940,599	70,730,039	10.6 %
Total expenditures	\$2,070,611,150	\$2,192,222,729	\$2,253,912,031	\$2,331,297,505	\$2,347,032,357	0.7 %
Expenditures per student	\$6,900	\$7,224	\$7,346	\$7,569	\$7,566	(0.0)%
Source: CCSD Budget and Accounting Department						,,,,

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Future LSST tax collection projections are based upon a conservative vision for a local economy. Future property tax collection projections are based on a flat growth due to the 0.2% cap in place for the 2016-2017 year. Expenditure projections were determined through a conservative historical trending that assumes no cost of living increases to employee salary schedules and contained expenditure appropriations to arrive at a nominal ending fund balance.

#### District Staffing and Resource Allocation

Over 90% of General Operating Fund positions are allocated at school site locations where it is deemed essential towards fulfillment of Board goals and objectives. District salaries and benefits represent 88.1% of total expenditures while purchased service expenditures have been constrained within the confines of the available financial resources that continually challenge the Board's ability to address new initiatives and realize its vision statement. With the increased funding from the State's DSA revenue source and increased student enrollment, the District was able to increase staffing by over 312 positions.



#### **Debt Service Funds**

The Debt Service Funds budgeted revenues are projected to total \$323 million using a continued tax rate of 55.34 cents per \$100 of taxable property in Clark County. Statutory debt capacity is established by Nevada Statutes and is approved annually by the Board and filed with the Nevada Department of Taxation and the Clark County Debt Management Commission. The Statutory Debt Limitation Schedule shown in the Other Funds Section reveals that, notwithstanding the District's significant capital programs, outstanding debt is only 22.54% of statutory limits based upon the Department of Taxation's estimate of assessed valuation.

Balances in the District's Debt Service Funds are restricted by statute only for debt service and reflect the fluctuations in property valuations in Clark County during the past decade. These balances, being restricted from other use, provide both a margin of security for the District's school construction bonds and the opportunity to support substantial increases in bonded debt while maintaining stability in property tax rates.

Maintenance of the current property tax rate will be sufficient through fiscal 2017 to retire the existing bonded debt since the District issued previous bonds based upon the factors of growth in assessed valuation in addition to increases in student population. The Capital Improvement Program provided authority to issue general obligation bonds until 2025 and will be repaid from a fixed tax rate of 55.34 cents per \$100 of net taxable property. School districts in the State receive operational funding on a per student basis, which recognizes growth in enrollment. This funding is the basis for offsetting costs (school site staffing, additional instructional materials, utilities, etc.) to the General Operating Fund associated with the acquisition of new school facilities.

#### **Capital Projects Funds**

The District has previously been ranked as one of the fastest growing school districts in the nation. Total enrollment increased by over 12,500 students since 2008, or an increase of over 4%. For new growth in enrollment the District plans to construct of 37 new schools, 16 replacement schools, and 54 additions to schools financed through the proactive Capital

## **Summary of Debt Service** As of July 1, 2016

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Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total Requirements			
2017	\$293,180,000	\$124,530,781	\$417,710,781			
2018	307,925,000	110,138,390	418,063,390			
2019	304,980,000	95,095,390	400,075,390			
2020	229,845,000	80,040,790	309,885,790			
2021	225,465,000	68,551,940	294,016,940			
2022-26	912,225,000	193,526,537	1,105,751,537			
2027-35	317,185,000	50,254,100	367,439,100			
Totals	\$2,590,805,000	\$722,137,925	\$3,312,942,925			
Source: Schedule of Debt Repayment as of 7/1/16						

Improvement Program approved in the 2015 Legislative Session per Senate Bills 119 (SB119) and 207 (SB207). The Capital Projects Funds budget includes revenues of \$307.6 million, including proceeds of \$160 million and an increase of the opening fund balance of \$338 million, to fund expenditure appropriations in the amount of \$512 million and transfers to other funds totaling \$111 million. This budget outlines the District's final stages for the capital improvements that are to be funded from the proceeds of the 1998 and the start up of 2015 bond program described in the Other Funds Section.

## **Capital Improvement Plan**

For Fiscal Year 2016-17

For Fiscal Year 2016-17	
Descriptions	FY 2016-17
1998 Capital Improvement Program:	
New Construction:	
Replacement/Phased Replacement Schools	\$15,000,000
Additions to Existing Schools	25,000,000
Rehab/Modernization	25,000,000
Fund Total	65,000,000
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2015 Capital Improvement Program	25 000 000
Land Acquisition/Land Improvements: New Construction:	35,000,000
New Schools	165,000,000
Replacement Schools	103,825,000
Additions for Capacity	84,275,000
Rehab/Modernization	11,900,000
Fund Total	400,000,000
	400,000,000
Building and Sites	
Land Acquisition:	_
Site Improvements:	1,000,000
Fund Total	1,000,000
Governmental Services Tax	
New Construction:	
Other Buildings	-
Rehab/Modernization:	37,500,000
Purchase Portable Classrooms	2,000,000
Relocate Portable Classrooms	5,500,000
Fund Total	45,000,000
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Capital Replacement Fund	00.000.000
Rehab/Modernization:	20,000,000
Technology/Equipment:  Fund Total	25,000,000
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Total All Capital Funds	\$ 556,000,000
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#### **Other Funds**

Special Revenue Funds, Internal Service Funds, and the Enterprise Fund comprise a small percentage of the total budget and are discussed in more detail in the Other Funds Section.



# Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget Development Considerations

Planning for the fiscal 2017 budget began in October 2015. Budget calendars shown in the Budget Policy Section reveal the input and discussion received from all levels of the District. In addition to input from District administrators, work sessions were conducted throughout the year with the Board of School Trustees and the public to determine priorities, strategic imperatives, and focus areas to operate within a balanced budget.

Benchmarks for contingency and General Fund ending balances are specified in Clark County School District Regulation 3110. Due to limited funding resources, and in order to achieve a balanced budget, the Board of School Trustees (since 2010) has been forced to temporarily suspend the regulation that seeks an unassigned ending fund balance that is equal to approximately 2% of revenues. Now, the fiscal 2017 budget projects an unassigned ending fund balance of 2.0% of revenues with no reserve for contingencies. The desire to reach the 2.0% in 2017, was achieved and the District is now in good standing with Regulation 3110.

Employee salary and fringe benefits represent over 88% of total expenditure appropriations and are projected to increase by almost \$55 million, this increase is primary due to new Clark County Education Association's agreement. No cost of living increases have been added to existing salary schedules for 2016-17. Employee group health insurance premiums are unchanged from 2015-2016 with no increases forecast. Should provider premiums increase subsequently, contract negotiations with employee association groups may be necessary to operate within a balanced budget.

Legislation was enacted in 2005 to provide partial abatement of ad valorem taxes to provide relief from escalating assessments resulting from previous increases to the market values of real property in Clark County. The cap limits each property's tax increase to no more than 3% above that assessed during the prior year on all single-family, owner-occupied residences, because the cap is based on a 10-year average of property value growth, and that average has fallen below zero because it contains the years immediately after the housing downturn when values tanked, the limit will sink to 0.2% in fiscal year 2017. All other real property categories are limited to an increase in tax of no more than 8%. Assessed valuations in the County are anticipated to increase by 8%.

A pending development is Assembly Bill 394, which requires a committee to develop and implement a plan to break the district into an unspecified number of local precincts by the 2018-19 school year. The final plan is still under construction and further details can be found at https://www.leg.state.nv.us/.

#### **Economic Environment in Southern Nevada**

Southern Nevada's commitment to diversification in the business sector and a favorable tax base has made it an ideal area for relocation and business expansion. Nevada does not impose corporate or personal income taxes, or inventory, special intangible, inheritance, estate, or gift taxes. Nevada continues to maintain one of the most beneficial tax structures for both personal as well as business growth. Las Vegas' offerings and infrastructure continue to affirm the desirability of living within this metropolitan area.

Situated in one of the nation's fastest growing areas, the District has been previously challenged by an associated growth in student enrollment. Over 27 years ago, the District was ranked by the Educational Research Service as the 18th largest school district in the country. The District currently ranks as the fifth largest. The projected enrollment count for 2016-17 is 321,308, as compared to 319,172 last year's estimated enrollment, or a increase of 0.7%. The population of Clark County increased by over 45,350 residents (2.2%) during 2015, with the current population estimated to be over 2,115,000.

Las Vegas joined the classification of "major city" only during the last seventeen years. As a result, there are fewer older neighborhoods than in most other major cities, and the popular concept of master planned communities has become more desirable in residential planning. These communities are planned with a variety of amenities, including parks, schools, churches, libraries, and shopping. Some of the nation's most successful master planned communities are located in southern Nevada.

Tourism and gaming jointly remain southern Nevada's largest industry and somewhat cushion the effects from the substantial decline in the new housing construction market. Las Vegas is home to the largest 15 hotels in the nation. With a room inventory of over 149,000, an occupancy rate that increased slightly during 2016 to 94.3%, and a visitor volume of over 46.6 million, southern Nevada received an economic impact benefit of over \$52 billion from the tourism industry.

#### **Enrollment**

During the past decade, the District has added more than 12,500 students creating a strain on facilities and service levels. Since 2012, the District has returned to being among the fastest growing school districts in the nation. The slow economic upturn should be a positive impact on the District's future funding resources. The upward enrollment trends demand that the District utilize flexible, realistic methods of projection.

It is anticipated that total enrollment will consistently increase on an annual basis over the foreseeable future. New strategic imperatives and academic initiatives are directed at retention and improving student achievement. The chart below reflects expectations and projections for going forward into subsequent school years:

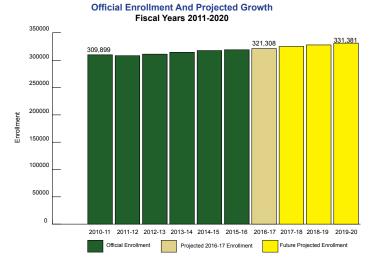
## **Summary Of District Enrollment**

For Fiscal Years 2007-08 Through 2019-20

Year	Average Daily Enrollment	Percent Increase	Weighted Enrollment <sup>2</sup>	Percent Increase
2007-08 <sup>1</sup>	308,745	2.05 %	298,551.6	2.07 %
2008-09 <sup>1</sup>	311,221	0.80 %	300,817.0	0.76 %
2009-10 <sup>1</sup>	309,442	(0.57)%	299,058.6	(0.58)%
2010-11 <sup>1</sup>	309,899	0.15 %	299,325.2	0.09 %
2011-12 <sup>1</sup>	308,377	(0.49)%	297,659.2	(0.56)%
2012-13 <sup>1</sup>	311,218	0.92 %	300,081.8	0.81 %
2013-14 <sup>1</sup>	314,598	1.09 %	303,447.2	1.12 %
2014-15 <sup>1</sup>	317,759	1.00 %	306,831.8	1.12 %
2015-16(Est) <sup>3</sup>	319,172	0.44%	308,018.4	0.39%
2016-17(Proj) <sup>3</sup>	321,308	0.67%	310,222.0	0.72%
2017-18(Proj)	325,285	1.24%	314,301.8	1.32%
2018-19(Proj)	328,070	0.86%	316,888.0	0.82%
2019-20(Proj)	331,381	1.01%	319,874.2	0.94%

<sup>(1) 4</sup>th Week - This is the number of students enrolled on the Friday of the fourth week of school. This enrollment figure is unweighted and includes students from other districts receiving an education in the district as reported on the Final Budget.

ource: CCSD Demographics, Zoning and GIS





## **District Organization Plan**

The District has structured its central administrative services to provide more mission-driven guidance and support to direct more focus on improving student achievement into 16 performance zones. All schools in each of these zones were vertically aligned, forming a cluster around a high school feeder school pattern. Although they were clustered by academic performances, they tended to cluster geographically.

Each performance zone includes an average between 10 and 27 schools. Where lower-performing schools faced greater challenges, fewer schools were included in the zone. Those schools receive more oversight and less autonomy. Benefits such as having the first opportunity to hire new talent or tap professional development funds are granted to schools in higher-need zones. Schools in a higher-performing zone receive less oversight and more autonomy.

#### **Need for Future Classrooms**

In November 1998, voters approved a freeze of property tax rates for long-term bonding for school construction. This approval enabled the District to issue general obligation bonds through 2008, which resulted in no increase to the existing property tax debt levy. In the 2015 Legislative Session, Senate Bills 119 (SB119) and 207 (SB207), authorized the District to begin to issue general obligation

<sup>(2)</sup> This is the number of students enrolled with Kindergarten and Pre-K students counted as .6 per student. The weighted enrollment figure excludes students from other districts receiving an education in the district as reported on the Final

<sup>(3)</sup> Annual average of the quarterly average daily enrollment (ADE).

bonds until 2025, while maintaining the current tax levy of .5334. Funding for school construction is also provided from portions of the hotel room tax and the real property transfer tax. In fiscal 2017, a total of 15 elementary schools adopted a year-round school schedule to alleviate overcrowding. In the near future, it is anticipated that numerous schools will also be forced to address the impacts of enrollments in excess of their housing capacities.

The 2015 Capital Improvement Program provided proceeds of \$4.1 billion for:

- Construction of 37 new schools 35 elementary and 2 high schools. As well as, additions for capacity at 54 elementary schools at a cost of \$2.0 billion
- Renovations to existing schools, including phased replacements, additions, modernizations, lifecycle replacement, and life and safety upgrades at a cost of \$1.07 billion
- Construction of 16 replacement schools at a cost of \$580 million.
- Technology and Major Equipment Replacement at a cost of \$450 million.

#### **Student Achievement**

The District is committed to its pursuit of the goal to focus on every student in every classroom, without exceptions, without excuses. This becomes more difficult given the reality that a significant segment of the student body brings with them a variety of challenges, including poverty and limited English language skills. During fiscal 2016, more than 64% of the District's enrollment (approximately 202,000 students) qualified for free or reduced-price meal and over 58,000 students come to school every day with little or no English skills.

The effects of these student demographics and continual limited funding issues currently facing the District are major





factors in the explanation that SAT scores are slightly below those of students nationwide.

## **School Accountability**

Nevada Revised Statutes require each school district to provide school accountability information to both residents of the district and to the State Board of Education by March 31 of each year. Due to the size of the District, much of this information is not repeated in this *Comprehensive Annual Budget Report*.

A four-page report is produced for each school and sent to parents of students within the school, as well as made available to the general public and the State Board of Education. These reports include the educational goals and objectives of each school and the progress towards meeting these goals. Statistical information is included such as test scores; dropout/retention rates; enrollment distribution by programs such as special education, English language learners, gifted and talented, etc.; education level and experience of teachers; and expenditure per student comparisons. Information on parental involvement and "celebrations" recognized by the school in the past year are also included.

School accountability information may also be obtained by accessing the District's website at <a href="https://www.ccsd.net">www.ccsd.net</a>.