

**Student-Centered Legislative Strategy**

When students thrive, we all benefit. By centering all decisions around a student-first focus, we lay the groundwork for a brighter, more prosperous future for everyone.

Our student-centered legislative strategy is rooted in collaboration, communication, and transparency. The Clark County School District (CCSD) works alongside our community to improve Nevada’s public education system, fostering a unified, bipartisan, student-first approach by building bridges with policymakers and stakeholders.

<p><b>We are CCSD!</b>  <b>ONE community for ALL our children</b>          We underscore the interdependence as one community dedicated to the well-being and success of all our children, advocating for policies that reflect our united purpose.</p>	<p><b>Investment in Public Education</b>          We will communicate the ongoing, urgent need to increase the investment in public education, emphasizing that reaching optimal funding levels is essential for student success and our state's future prosperity without additional unfunded mandates on school districts.</p>
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**CCSD Bills**

**Assembly Bill 47–Teacher Recruitment, Retention and Development**

- Proposed legislation would require money in the Education Stabilization Account that exceeds a certain percentage of appropriations and authorizations from the State Education Fund to be used to make allocations to school districts for the retention, recruitment, and training of educational personnel.

**Assembly Bill 48–Bullying**

- Proposed legislation would authorize a school district’s board of trustees to assign a pupil who is a perpetrator of discrimination based on race, bullying, or cyber-bullying to another school if his or her parent or guardian requests such an assignment.

**Student-Centered Possible Priorities**

The Board of School Trustees envisions that all CCSD students progress in school and graduate prepared to succeed and contribute in a diverse global society. Educators need resource-rich, professional learning environments to support students, community resources to support themselves and their families, and a policy landscape that provides flexibility to meet the needs of all students. CCSD’s legislative priorities are crafted to meet today's and tomorrow's challenges.

### **Centering Student Achievement**

A quality education is the key to individual student success and the future prosperity of our community. To improve student outcomes, we must ensure that all students have high-quality educators, prioritize investments in quality learning environments, and ensure our system provides the flexibility necessary to meet current and future needs.

### **Equitable Access to High-Quality Educators**

A high-quality classroom teacher is the number one school-based variable to student success. With CCSD's year-over-year licensed professional retention rate above 90 percent, Nevada is uniquely positioned to ensure every CCSD student has access to a high-quality educator in the classroom. CCSD advocates for policies that:

- Identify ways to increase, recruit, and retain school counselors, social workers, school psychologists, and mental health specialists
- Identify opportunities to address and diversify the teacher pipeline
- Ensure teacher preparation programs train pre-service teachers in evidence-based instructional strategies
- Support ongoing implementation of high-quality, Tier I instruction in literacy, mathematics, and science

### **Meeting Students' Needs**

Optimal funding is the backbone of highly successful education systems. CCSD advocates for increasing per-pupil funding to reach optimal levels and opposes unfunded mandates. In addition to sustained funding for salary increases for licensed and support professionals, CCSD advocates for policies that:

- Support sustained Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K)–Grade 12 education funding streams
- Continue progress toward optimal school funding via Commission on School Funding recommendations
- Provide broader access to mental health resources for students and educators
- Establish Universal Pre-Kindergarten

### **Modern Systems for a New Generation**

Today's young people are preparing for a rapidly changing world. Nevada's education statutes must provide flexibility for districts to meet students' changing needs, encourage innovation, and remove cumbersome statutes to ensure Nevada's students learn and prosper. CCSD advocates for policies that:

- Enable student learning opportunities grounded in innovative technologies
- Streamline data collection and reporting processes
- Enable safe and secure learning environments for students and educators
- Bolster local and state programs that improve the quality of life for educators, such as housing assistance and tuition reimbursement.

CCSD invites policymakers, educators, students, parents, and community members to join us in advocating for bold action to benefit high-quality student outcomes.