



# DISTRICT C: THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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



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## JANUARY 2019

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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION  
ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

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| 12/24/18-01/04/19 | Winter Break  |
| 01/21/19          | Martin Luther King Day  |
| 02/18/19          | Presidents' Day   |
| 03/22/19          | No School for Students,<br>Licensed Employees,<br>and Nine-Month<br>Employees |
| 04/15-19, 22/19   | Spring Break  |
| 05/23/19          | Last Day of School  |
| 05/27/19          | Memorial Day  |

For a complete list of calendar dates access  
[CCSD 2018-2019 School Calendar](#)

### PARENTS/STUDENTS CLASSES RESUME

Monday, January 7, 2019

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- January 10, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
- January 24, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
- February 14, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
- February 28, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
- March 14, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
- March 28, 2019, 5:00 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

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### WORK SESSION MEETINGS

- January 9, 2019, 8:00 a.m.
- February 6, 2019, 8:00 a.m.
- March 6, 2019, 8:00 a.m.

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### SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

**January 7, 2019, 5:30 p.m.** (Oath of Office)  
Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room  
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

**January 18, 2019, 9:00 a.m.** (Board Retreat)  
Public Education Foundation, Leadership Training Room  
4350 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119

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

"The race is not always to the swift, but to those who keep on running." Author Unknown

### CCSD Trustees Approve 2019 Legislative Platform

CCSD's top priority in the 2019 Legislature is to stabilize its budget by modernizing the K-12 school funding formula and increasing the public dollars dedicated to, and staying with, K-12 education.

The funding priority highlights the Board of School Trustees 2019 legislative platform.

The School District's representatives in Carson City will advocate to increase the base funding formula to:

- Invest in our staff and students
- Fund professional development for teachers and administrators, along with research-based instructional materials aligned to the academic standards to provide high-quality, standards-based instruction in every classroom
- Ensure a safe learning environment

CCSD will also advocate for increases in funding to cover costs that CCSD must incur but are not fully addressed in the current education funding formula, such as employee increases, inflation, and hiring staff and purchasing materials for new schools when they open.

If you would like to receive updates about the legislative platform during the session, sign up here: <https://ccsd.net/departments/government-affairs>.

### Budget Update

The Clark County School District Board of School Trustees approved the FY19 Amended Final Budget on Dec. 13, 2018, at their regular meeting. The district is required by the state to file an Amended Final Budget no later than Jan. 1, 2019. The December budget presentation to the board, as well as the narrative to the state forms lays out the details of the work that's needed to reach the balanced FY19 AFB. Work has begun for the FY20 budget. Strategic Budget is preparing a rollout to the schools for Jan. 15, 2019.

**REMINDER:** My **January VILLAGE Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, January 16, at 9:30am, in the library at Cheyenne High School.** VILLAGE Meetings are open to everyone and all are welcome to attend. I hope to see you there! Meeting information for the 2018-19 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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**2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR**  
**DISTRICT C: "THE VILLAGE" MEETING DATE AND HOSTING SCHOOL**

**2018**

- Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 9:30 a.m.  
**School:** Jo Mackey Magnet Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-7139  
**Address:** 2726 Englestad Street, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, October 17, 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, November 28, 2018, 9:30 a.m.  
**School:** Kit Carson Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-7113  
**Address:** 1735 "D" Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 9:30 a.m.  
**School:** Lucile Bruner Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-0620  
**Address:** 4289 Allen Lane, North Las Vegas, NV 89032

**2019**

- Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 9:30 a.m.  
**School:** Cheyenne High School, Library **Phone:**-702-799-4830  
**Address:** 3200 West Alexander Road, North Las Vegas, NV 89032
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 9:30 a.m.  
**School:** Ollie Detwiler Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-1830  
**Address:** 9600 Ferrell Street, Las Vegas, NV 89106
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 9:30 a.m.  
**School:** Theron L. Swainston Middle School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-4860  
**Address:** 3500 West Gilmore Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 9:30 a.m.  
**School:** Matt Kelly Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-4750  
**Address:** 1900 N. "J" Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 9:30 a.m.  
**School:** Reynaldo Martinez Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 702-799-3800  
**Address:** 350 East Judson Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV 89030

    
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## CCSD Graduation Rate Surpasses 85 Percent

The Clark County School District's (CCSD) final graduation rate for the Class of 2018 is a record high 85.22 percent, an increase of 2 percentage points over the previous year, according to final data compiled by the Nevada Department of Education.

"This is a huge achievement by all teachers, support professionals and administrators from elementary to high school who have worked together to make CCSD #1 For Kids," said Superintendent Dr. Jesus F. Jara. "While we celebrate this success of increasing the rate by 2 percentage points in one year, we are focusing all of our efforts to ensure all kids graduate ready for college and career."

CCSD continues to make progress in improving its graduation rate. During the past eight years, the graduation rate has increased from 59.34 percent in 2011 to 85.22 percent in 2018. The increase in the graduation rate is also reflected in the number of graduates, as the Class of 2018 was CCSD's largest ever, with 21,102 graduates.

School staff continuously work to ensure that all students have a rich and rigorous educational experience. For several years, school staff have provided each student with an individualized graduation plan. This has helped us better track our students and use strategies and interventions based on each student's need, such as summer school opportunities and determining when students transfer successfully.

"Yet again, CCSD has set an all-time high graduation rate and that is cause for celebration," said CCSD Board of School Trustees President Deanna L. Wright. "I am so proud of the extraordinary work happening in our schools daily, and the graduation rate is evidence of the hard work and dedication of all educators throughout CCSD."

## CCSD Graduation Rate Surpasses 85 Percent (continued)

Twelve CCSD high schools posted a graduation rate over 98 percent, with nine achieving a 100 percent graduation rate, and they include:

- Advanced Technologies Academy
- College of Southern Nevada East
- College of Southern Nevada South
- College of Southern Nevada West
- Las Vegas Academy of the Arts
- East Career and Technical Academy
- Northwest Career and Technical Academy
- Southeast Career and Technical Academy
- Southwest Career and Technical Academy
- Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy
- West Career and Technical Academy
- West Preparatory Institute School for Academic Excellence at Charles I. West

Additionally, 11 schools posted year-over-year gains in a graduation rate of five percent or greater including:

- Burk Horizon / Southwest Sunset High School
- Bonanza High School
- Chaparral High School
- Cowan Sunset Southeast High School
- Desert Oasis High School
- Desert Pines High School
- Desert Rose High School
- Global Community High School at Morris Hall
- Morris Sunset East High School
- Nevada Learning Academy at CCSD
- Spring Valley High School

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### Safevoice

SafeVoice, an anonymous reporting system used to report threats to schools and incidents of bullying for the safety or well-being of students. Visit <http://www.safevoicenv.org>, call 833-216-SAFE or download the free SafeVoice app.

## CCSD Board of School Trustees Supports iNVEST Report

In preparation for the next state legislative session, which starts in February 2019, the Clark County School District Board of Trustees is supporting the [iNVEST](#) report.

The report, which is the collective work of Nevada's 17 district superintendents, serves as the cornerstone of the superintendents' answer to the question: What is needed to improve student achievement in Nevada?

In its conclusion to this document – "Nevada's Classrooms: An Opportunity to Succeed" – the Nevada Association of School Superintendents and the Nevada Association of School Boards "respectfully request that the Nevada Legislature work with us" in 2019 to:

- Increase state spending on K-12 education by resetting per-pupil spending to current costs, and eliminating structural deficits;
- Provide stable funding that allows for longer-term planning by redirecting funds intended for education to the Distributive School Account and creating a Rainy Day Fund;
- Increase local control by increasing flexibility within and between categorical funds, while continuing to demonstrate results, and also reducing the number of competitive grant applications;
- Protect districts' ending fund balances by providing legislative clarity regarding the status of ending fund balances relative to whether they may or may not be considered as part of collective bargaining negotiations;
- Create budgets in partnerships by developing two-way communication that takes past and future expenses into consideration.

Happy New Year!

## Stay In School Mentoring Program

The School-Community Partnership Program is 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 programs is approximately one hour per week, and all volunteers must attend a training session and go through a background check. Please contact Liberty Leavitt or Mercedes Caines at 702-799-6560 for more information.

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## Donation funds field trips to Atomic Testing Museum

Mission Support and Test Services, contractor to Nevada National Security Site, donated \$5,000 to sponsor several field trips to the National Atomic Testing Museum. The sponsorship includes transportation and admission to the museum. Fourth-grade students from Doris Reed Elementary School were the first group to participate in the curriculum-based experience in December. Students from several other schools will participate in the coming months.

## Nominations are open for Fourth Annual Heart of Education Awards

The Smith Center for the Performing Arts and The Rogers Foundation announced that nominations are now open for their fourth-annual Heart of Education Awards, recognizing outstanding educators in the Clark County School District. Anyone can nominate a CCSD teacher through Jan. 18, 2019, at [TheHeartOfEducation.org](http://TheHeartOfEducation.org). This awards program honors CCSD teachers across all grades and curricula who go above and beyond for their students, such as launching valuable new programs and devoting time outside the classroom to support students in need.


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Clark County School District Facebook

## Food Service Department offers Central Kitchen tours

Interested in touring CCSD's Central Kitchen? The next tour will be held January 14, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., at 6350 E. Tropical Parkway, Las Vegas. Please RSVP to Lory Hayon at 702-799-8123, ext. 5122. In other Food Service news, their newest menu item is an egg, turkey, bacon, cheese and tot breakfast burrito. It will be served at middle and high schools on January 10, 17 and 24.

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## News from The Public Education Foundation

The Public Education Foundation's holiday cards are out in the mail featuring the theme, "What the World Needs Now." The cover features artwork by West Career and Technical Academy student Hannah Hu. In other news, the PEF has scheduled the next Education Hero Award Gala for Sept. 28, 2019, at the Waldorf Astoria Las Vegas. The event celebrates three leaders who have dedicated their lives to improving education in Nevada. For more information, call 702-799-1042.