



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 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

For a complete list of calendar dates access [CCSD 2020-2021 School Calendar](#)

LINKS TO CCSD RESOURCES & INFORMATION

Virtual learning opportunities will continue over the summer. Food distribution, professional learning, and device deployment will also continue. [For additional information click here or follow the links below.](#)

[View](#) information regarding CCSD's Phase II Reopening Plan.

[View](#) information regarding food distribution sites.

[View](#) information regarding Vegas PBS resources.

[View](#) a list of frequently asked questions regarding coronavirus and the CCSD community.

[View](#) a list of frequently asked questions regarding school closures and CCSD employees.

NEVADA HEALTH RESPONSE: COVID-19 Prepare, Don't Panic

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Governor's Office have created this website to better share information and resources as it pertains to the current status of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and its impact within the state of Nevada. <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/>

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

September 10, 2020, 5:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting at [ccsd.net](#)

September 24, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

October 8, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

October 22, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

November 12, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

November 19, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

December 10, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION MEETINGS

September 2, 2020, 8:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting at [ccsd.net](#)

October 1, 2020, 8:00 a.m.

November 4, 2020, 8:00 a.m.

December 2, 2020, 8:00 a.m.

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

"I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions." Stephen Covey

Tackling Distance Education with positivity and Resolve

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year – one like no other! We missed the sight and sounds of students in schools when classes began, but we were able to gather virtually and kick off the new school year – albeit with a few technological hitches on that first day that affected school districts nationwide opening with full-time distance education.

But our teachers and principals met the challenges that came their way – and so did our students and their families. Thank you all for your patience and for standing strong during this most unprecedented time for our schools.

We have gathered just a sampling of the tweets that captured the energy, positivity, creativity and resilience of the entire Clark County School District family leading up to and during the first day of school:

In the week before classes started, Jack Lund Schofield Middle School was one of countless schools that were hard at work distributing essential devices to students in the hot Las Vegas summer before classes began.

Introduction to the Approved Reopening Our Schools Plan

Four principles have continuously guided the development of the Clark County School District Reopening Our Schools Plan. The Board of School Trustees voted on July 21, 2020, to reopen schools in a full-time distance education model:

- Schools will open for the 2020-2021 school year in a full-time distance education instructional model.
 - Updates related to health and wellness will be provided to the Board of School Trustees at regular intervals to inform an eventual transition to hybrid learning or face-to-face instruction.
- Middle school schedules will operate on a semester-based instructional model, offering students four courses that will be completed in one semester (instead of over the course of a full year).
- High school schedules will operate on a traditional year-long course instructional model, with principals having the discretion to determine the number of six to eight courses.

Transitioning Between Multiple Potential Reopening Scenarios

The District is prepared to transition between multiple potential reopening scenarios, including full-time distance education for all students, in-person instruction following social distancing protocols, and hybrid learning.

The decision to transition from one scenario to another within the Reopening Our Schools Plan will continue to be guided by public health conditions, school staffing scenarios, and additional relevant information. The Superintendent and Board of School Trustees will determine the scenario that the District will support at any given time.

Should the decision be made to transition to hybrid learning or face-to-face instruction for all students at a future date, additional guidance will be provided.

[VILLAGE Meetings](#) all future physical meetings at District C Schools have been cancelled until further notice.

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

Yours for Excellence in Education,

Dr. Linda E. Young, School Board Trustee, District C
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Community Resources Available to Support Students, Families and Employees

The coronavirus pandemic has added extra mental and financial stressors to the lives of our students and families. CCSD wants to reassure our families that while the academic year is over, our number one priority is the safety of our students and families.

CCSD and your community have resources available to support you and your loved ones. If you or someone you know need assistance or support, you may contact:

SafeVoice: 1-833-216-SAFE (7233) for anonymous reporting

CCSD Police: 702-799-5411

Mobile Crisis Response Team: 702-486-7865

National Suicide Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Nevada Crisis Line: 775-784-8090

This information can also be found on the CCSD's Website by clicking [here](#).

If someone is having thoughts of self-harm, please call 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Please call 911 for an immediate emergency situation.

CCSD continues to focus on improving employee wellness and benefit offerings. The Life Connection Employee Assistance and Worklife Program is available to Support Professionals, Police and Police Administrators, Licensed Professionals, and Administrators. TLC provides employees and household members immediate and confidential support for a wide range of life management needs. The program is available free of charge to all eligible employees and their households.

The TLC Employee Assistance Plan is provided by Behavioral Healthcare Options (BHO). For more information about this important new program, contact BHO at 1-800-280-3782 or visit the EAP website at www.bhoptions.com. At the website, click on "I am a member," select "Work-Life Resources," and enter "CCSD" when prompted for a company code.

To learn more about the program, visit <https://www.ccsd.net/departments/employee-benefits/programs-plans> and click on The Life Connections video.

CCSD Launches Digital Family Guide for 2020-21 School Year

The Clark County School District launched a new digital family guide to provide information to parents and guardians as students begin distance learning on Monday, August 24.

The new website is located at reconnect.ccsd.net

The site provides information on full-time [distance learning](#), [registration](#), [parent resources](#) and more.

New Program Connects Students with Technology

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Connecting Kids Nevada is a new program to connect students with technology. Visit connectingkidsnv.org to learn more about how families can obtain internet connectivity and technology assistance. A Family Support Center has also been created to assist Nevadans. Families can call 888-616-2476 and talk to a representative in English or Spanish.

Information is also available for organizations and individuals interested in supporting this program through donations. A link is available [here](#).

The Nevada COVID-19 Response, Relief and Recovery Task Force, The Elaine P. Wynn & Family Foundation, Communities In Schools Nevada, and The Public Education Foundation have joined forces and announced today the introduction of "Connecting Kids," a statewide community coalition formed to ensure that all students across the state of Nevada have equal access to virtual learning for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Beginning with the Clark County School District and expanding to all school districts across the state, the community coalition is committed to getting all students online and connected to their school. To achieve this goal and reach all 312,000 students within the district, CCSD has created a brief survey for all families to answer which can be found at www.ccsd.net/survey.

The Family Support Center through an innovative partnership with Cox Communications and CCSD has been established to connect every qualified CCSD student to the internet, subsidized by CCSD. The Family Support Center can be reached at 888-616-2476 and will have English and Spanish speaking operators available Monday – Saturday, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, beginning Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

Food Distribution Information

The first day of Distance Education began on Monday, August 24, 2020, and the Clark County School District (CCSD) will expand its food sites from 46 current sites to more than 300 food sites district-wide following federal guidelines to provide meals to students.

Starting Monday, August 24, students will need to meet free and reduced-price meal program eligibility in order to receive meals at no cost. Free and reduced eligible students will receive meals at no cost and paying customers will need to pay for meals they receive. We encourage all parents to fill out an application for meal eligibility online at myschoolapps.com.

Additionally, under federal guidelines, only students enrolled in a CCSD school or CCSD-sponsored charter school may receive meals at CCSD school sites beginning Monday, August 24, 2020.

[Click here](#) for CCSD Meal distribution FAQ's

Canvas Learning Management System

The Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) is the online classroom software CCSD will be using for distance education during the 2020-21 school year used. Teachers can post content, discussion, and assessments and where students can extend their learning outside of the normal classroom and school day. Parents can create an observer account to see what their child is learning as well.

Please use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox for the best experience when using Canvas LMS. Click the appropriate below link for more information...

[Employees](#)

[Students & Parents](#)

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.