

# A Leg Up

The Weekly Legislative Update for the Clark County School District

May 26, 2013

Happy Memorial Day!

We've been waiting all weekend for the formal notification of bills that didn't meet Friday's deadline – the requirement to be passed out of the second house. The list has still not been posted at this time (6:30 a.m.), but will likely be posted sometime today. You can check this link to see get the list when it is posted: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Reports/MissedMay24th.cfm>. Keep in mind that the senate and assembly postings often come at different times, so give it a day or two before the list is finalized.

With only eight days left before the session ends, this will be another busy week. As of this writing, the only hearings posted are for meetings to be held today, but we're on high alert for all remaining bills in play – the many "exempt" bills and, of course, the major budget bills that will be introduced this week.

Both houses will also spend time today at their floor sessions going through the list of bills that require the body to concur/not concur to determine if conference committees are necessary or if the bills will move forward with the amendments crafted by the other house.

Good news about the DSA: On Friday in Assembly Ways and Means, the committee voted to restore the \$87 per student that had been removed from the DSA the week before. A few minutes later in Senate Finance, they voted to do the same. We appreciate the money committees recognition of the need to keep "the base" whole as we move forward.

## Here's a Tidbit

What does *sine die* mean? For those of us who have been captive participants of the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the prospect of *sine die* shines like a halo of hope. It is the formal term used when the legislature officially adjourns for the session. The term comes from the Latin "without day" meaning the body adjourns without setting a date for its next meeting.

Since 1998, when voters approved a constitutional amendment, sessions have been limited to 120 calendar days. The longest session in Nevada history took place in 1997, at 169 days, adjourning on July 7. Although the constitutional amendment now requires the Legislature to adjourn after 120 days, with the exception of the 2011 session, each legislative body has had to return for at least one special session to complete its work.