



## May 29, 2017

In the next-to-last week of the session, exempt bills started to move out of the money committees into the policy committees or to the floor of the Senate and Assembly. With just eight days left in the 79<sup>th</sup> legislative session, there are still some very important education bills pending. SB178 on weighted funding is still in drafting for the final amendment before the Senate Committee on Finance can vote on it. Amendments on SB430 (Achievement School District) are also still being considered as this bill waits in the Senate Committee on Education for a vote.

There are a few bills still to be introduced. There has been discussion about a bill to require the district to reserve funds to pay for the professional growth plan, another bill to fund a human capital management system for CCSD, and the final K-12 education funding bill.

We had more visitors from CCSD schools visit Carson City this week. Students from John W. Bonner and Nate Mack elementary schools were in the State's capitol to learn more about the legislative process, Nevada history, and the court system.



Caption: Students from Bonner ES with their representative, Assemblyman John Hambrick.

Clark County Commissioner Lawrence Weekly sponsored a trip to Carson City for several middle school students from various CCSD schools as part of the Do the Write Thing Challenge. This international program is an effort that gives middle school students an opportunity to examine the impact of violence on their lives and communicate in writing what they think should be done to change our culture of violence.



Caption: Students who wrote winning essays in the Do the Write Thing Challenge with Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson, chair of the Assembly Committee on Education.

## **Highlights from Week Sixteen**

### **Monday, May 22**

The Senate Committee on Finance heard SB391, a bill that awards scholarships to prospective students who will attend community college. The Committee also passed SB522 in a work session, which makes a supplemental appropriation to the State Distributive School Account for a shortfall resulting from an unanticipated increase in K-12 enrollment for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.

### **Tuesday, May 23**

The Senate Committee on Finance heard SB132, a bill that creates student individual graduation plans to help students graduate high school on time. The bill also allows for students to have additional time to graduate under certain circumstances and expands the graduation reporting requirements for high schools to a six-year cohort.

The Senate Committee on Finance also held a work session and passed the following bills:

- SB66 (WS) Revises provisions relating to work-based learning programs.
- SB458 (WS) Revises provisions relating to the development and operation of the statewide longitudinal data system.
- SB518 (WS) Revises provisions relating to certain accounts used for the education of pupils enrolled in public schools.

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means heard two education bills, AB110 on competency-based education and AB447 regarding Victory schools. Both bills have appropriations included in the budget.

On Tuesday, the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs discussed SB246. This bill allows the extension of the construction manager at risk (CMAR) program that assists the District in securing new construction and renovation projects at a low cost.

The Senate Committee on Education heard AB49, a bill that changes some of the operating practices of the State Charter School Authority. One of the numerous changes in the bill allows for charter schools whose mission is to serve credit-deficient students to more easily apply to be on the alternative school performance framework.

### **Wednesday, May 24**

The Senate Committee on Finance heard SB497, a bill that creates the Advisory Committee on School Leader Management. The purpose of the bill is to study all aspects of hiring and preparing school leadership and to make recommendations for the 2019 Legislative Session.

AB434, sponsored by Speaker Frierson, was heard in Ways and Means and makes appropriations for incentives for employing teachers at Title I and underperforming schools. The Committee also heard SB3, which expands the Breakfast After the Bell program.

The Assembly Committee on Education heard two bills sponsored by Senator Heidi Gansert, SB212 and SB213. SB212 is the Safe to Tell bill, which establishes a new common phone line for bullying, suicide, and other emergencies pertaining to schools. SB213 requires training take place for all individuals working with students with disabilities. Para-professionals must also be fingerprinted every five years. CCSD supported both bills during the hearing.

### **Thursday, May 25**

On Thursday, the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means passed SB3, known as Breakfast after the Bell. This bill changes the provisions of a corrective action plan. This plan will only have to be completed if a school does not maintain or increase their participation in the program, as opposed to current law that required schools to complete this document if they do not increase by more than 10 percent. CCSD spoke in support of this bill.

Senate Finance held a work session and passed the following bills:

- SB225 - Revises provisions relating to bullying and cyber-bullying.
- SB497 - Creates the Advisory Task Force on School Leader Management.

### **Friday, May 26**

On Friday, Majority Leader Benitez-Thompson presented AB127 to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. This bill requires districts to appoint an emergency manager (which CCSD already has) as well as attend a safety conference each year. This committee also heard AB491 requiring school districts and child welfare agencies to share in the cost of transporting students in foster care to their school of origin. CCSD supported both of these bills as they were approved in the committee.

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means held a work session on several education bills including AB348, a bill that changes the sexual education requirements in the state. The Committee accepted an amendment to change the bill so that school districts must report on the current curriculum being taught in schools. Other bills passed by the committee include AB224, AB362, and AB124.

### **Saturday, May 27**

Both money committees held hearings on Saturday in an effort to move several bills remaining on their agendas. In Ways and Means, committees heard and passed SB518, which revises provisions relating to the special education contingency account.

Senate Finance passed SB249 on financial literacy after amending the bill to extend the time for establishing the standards and reducing the appropriation.

## **Want to Learn More?**

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## Coming Up:

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Next Meeting	Date
AB486	Revises provisions governing the distribution of the governmental services tax. (BDR 43-978)	Transportation	Senate Committee on Finance	5/29/17 8:00 AM
SB257	Revises provisions relating to the welfare of children. (BDR 38-662)	Farley, Cannizzaro, Spearman, Ratti and Ford	Senate Committee on Finance	5/29/17 8:00 AM
SB317	Revises provisions relating to preferences in bidding for certain contracts for businesses based in this State. (BDR 27-936)	Cannizzaro, Ford, Segerblom, Parks, Manendo and Brooks	Senate Committee on Finance	5/29/17 8:00 AM
SB467	Revises provisions relating to technology in public schools. (BDR 34-1120)	Education	Senate Committee on Finance	5/29/17 8:00 AM
SB286	Revises provisions governing the regulation of applied behavior analysis. (BDR 39-633)	Gansert, Ford and Parks	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	5/29/17 1:00 PM
SB212	Revises provisions governing the welfare of pupils. (BDR 34-674)	Gansert, Ratti, Woodhouse, Hammond, Parks and Benitez-Thompson	Assembly Committee on Education	5/29/17 3:15 PM
SB213	Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-583)	Gansert, Roberson, Kieckhefer and Benitez-Thompson	Assembly Committee on Education	5/29/17 3:15 PM
AB428	Revises provisions governing the acquisition and use of opioid antagonists. (BDR 40-620)	Health and Human Services	Senate Committee on Health and Human Services	5/29/17 3:30 PM

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