

The following list of standing items provides the District's legislative representatives the Board's position on a host of issues that may be raised during the course of the session.

Clark County School District Bill Drafts

The Clark County School District Board of Trustees approved the submittal of the following two bill draft requests for consideration by the 2017 Nevada Legislature:

- SB 20 (BDR 342) will eliminate the testing requirements in United States Constitution, Nevada Constitution, and Nevada law for teacher licensure.
- AB 78 (BDR 343) requires that charter school sponsors consult with local school districts on new charter school sites and consider population growth, demographic shifts, and academic needs when authorizing new schools.

Priority Education Issues

The Clark County School District also supports the following issues that require action by the Legislature:

Weighted Student Funding Formula – Support funding for the implementation of a weighted funding model that addresses the needs of specific student populations including English language learners, special education, gifted and talented education, and children living in poverty.

Human Capital Management System – Request funding for a new system to support strategic budgets and state-required reports.

Property Tax Reform – Seek a solution to the recent reduction in revenue.

Liability Protection for School Organization Teams – Extend school sovereign immunity to parents who serve as volunteer members.

Education Stabilization Fund – Create a “rainy day” fund to ensure consistent allocations to school districts in economic downturns.

Early Childhood Programs– Expand pre-kindergarten programs.

Support Policies Pertaining to Boards of School Trustees

- Assignment of elected school board members to local, state, and regional panels, boards, and entities deliberating on education
- Authority to act as a sponsor of charter schools and facilitating school choice
- Authority to determine how independent study, virtual learning, profit-making ownership, and home instruction are interpreted
- Legislation congruent with existing Board policy
- Local control
- Policy that allows the Board to maintain confidentiality of names of applicants for the position of superintendent until the designation of finalists and contract negotiations
- Revisions to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that allow the District to save money by altering the delivery of a service, reducing the frequency of services, charging student fees, reducing unnecessary reports, etc. or meet state-mandated requirements.
- Sanctity of an elected board

Oppositions

- Expanding the scope of collective bargaining
- Implementing school vouchers
- Reconfiguring school district boundaries resulting in limiting equal participation in the benefits of public education
- Transfer of CCSD schools to another entity

2017 Legislative Platform

STANDING ITEMS

Support policies and programs pertaining to Clark County School District Strategic Imperatives, some of which may already be in existence or previously presented to the Legislature and/or may require funding.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Additional instruction time
- Career and technical education
- Class size reduction
- Distance education, online and blended learning
- Early childhood education
- English language acquisition programs for English learners and students living in poverty
- High school/college dual enrollment
- Literacy across all subjects, grades pre-K-12
- Millennium Scholarship
- Public school libraries
- Remedial services for student proficiency
- School nutrition programs
- Special education services
- Summer school, intersession, and extended-day programs with limited transportation

CLARITY AND FOCUS

- Capital improvement programs
- Categorical funding
- Consistent/effective state education standards
- Distributive School Account
- Employee performance-based evaluation systems
- Long-term significant sources to ensure adequacy and stability of public education funding
- Mandated/required services
- Protection of the distinction between bond funds and per-pupil allocations
- Revision of Nevada Plan to ensure equity in resource distribution among NV school districts
- Student and employee personal data privacy
- Weighted pupil funding

SCHOOL SUPPORT

- Accreditation of schools
- Additional teaching positions in support of student attainment of increased rigor
- Alignment of Common Core standards with staff development, District curriculum, and assessments
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) training
- Competitive compensation and benefits
- Expansion of the alternative licensure program
- Extended time for training needs
- Incentives for recruiting and retaining employees
- Incentives to increase National Board Certification participation
- Maintenance of school facilities
- Pipeline of qualified workforce to meet growing needs
- Programs to improve teacher and administrator performance
- Recruitment and development of high-quality teachers
- Reemployment of retired staff in high-need areas
- Safe and respectful learning environments
- School reform efforts
- Teaching to higher standards
- Technology
- Transportation
- Wrap-around services provided by outside agencies in schools to students in need

ENGAGEMENT

- Dropout prevention programs
- Family engagement and parental involvement
- Opt-in provision for parents on a sex education curriculum
- Parent, student, community, and employee engagement in learning
- Reengagement of disconnected youth and adults