



SESSION SPOTLIGHT

March 29, 2019

Over the past few days, more than 140 new bills were introduced at the Nevada Legislature. With less than three weeks until the deadline for passage in the first house committee, many bill presentations occur as legislators do everything they can to ensure their bills can make it on time for a floor vote.

Ending the Achievement School District

The week ended with a presentation from Senator Marilyn Dondero-Loop on **SB321** in the Senate Committee on Education. The bill would remove the Achievement School District (ASD) from the Nevada Revised Statutes and transfers the ASD's current charter schools to the State Public Charter School Authority. These schools would have until July 1, 2020 to obtain a new sponsor or would cease to exist. CCSD supports this bill. Trustee Linda Young and Principal Roxanne James of Jerome Mack Middle School testified in support of **SB321** as the Board of Trustees have stated in the [Supplemental Platform](#) that they do not want any CCSD schools to be converted by a charter operator.

Nevada Promise Scholarship

The week started with the Senate Committee on Education listening to a bill presentation from Senator Mo Denis and the College of Southern Nevada on **SB350**. The bill makes changes to the [Nevada Promise Scholarship](#) by allowing the Board of Regents to bring forward regulations for consistency purposes. It also makes it easier for students to participate in the program by removing the requirement to reapply each year and it decreases the community hours and mentoring sessions required for eligibility. CCSD testified in support per the District's [Supplemental Platform](#), which states a preference to expand the Nevada Promise Scholarship so more of our students will have the opportunity to participate in higher education.

Work Session - Supply Reimbursement and Apprenticeship Courses

Two bills CCSD testified in support of crossed the first hurdle in getting approved by the Assembly Education on Committee and will have a floor vote by the full Assembly.

AB237, which allows education personnel to receive reimbursements for the costs of school supplies, passed on Tuesday with amendments removing the reimbursement process. Instead, it would provide a stipend to education personnel and also remove nurses and librarians from the list of staffers eligible to receive the stipend.

AB199, which makes it easier for school districts to collaborate with labor unions or trade associations in developing training and instruction in Career and Technical Education (CTE) in associated fields, was passed on Thursday with some conceptual amendments.

Computer Science and CTE in Business and Marketing

On Wednesday, the Senate Committee on Education heard multiple bills, including **SB313** and **SB314**. **SB313** allocates funds so that students taking some computer literacy classes can be reimbursed for their coursework if they are studying to be a teacher in computer science and computer literacy.

SB314 allows for the creation of CTE programs in business and marketing with some courses in financial literacy. The Nevada Association of School Superintendents supported both of these bills on behalf of CCSD. Both support fields that are important to CCSD initiatives.

As always, you can find the full list of bills we are tracking, including from this week, [here](#).

Next Week's Bill Presentations

Next week will again be full of bill presentations as the deadline draws closer. Some bill hearings include **SB457**, which provides for the continuation of Victory and Zoom schools. There is also a work session on **SB185**, which addresses fingerprinting of volunteers in schools. A new amendment defines which "unsupervised" volunteers need to be fingerprinted in order to volunteer at schools.

On Tuesday, CCSD's Ending Fund Balance Bill, **SB26** will be heard in Senate Government Affairs. Finally, on Friday, **SB469** will be presented. It would amend AB 469, the bill that finalized the CCSD Reorganization, including removing the required number of schools each associate superintendent can supervise.

[Current Scheduled Meetings for the Week of April 1, 2019.](#)

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