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CCSD creates gender diverse working group to consider possible policy or guidelines

District currently addresses transgender requests on a case-by-case basis

LAS VEGAS – After a request by Trustee Carolyn Edwards and in an effort to comply with a new state law, the Clark County School District (CCSD) will work during the coming months with employees, families, students and our community to determine whether to create a stand-alone policy or other guidelines on how to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for gender diverse students.

CCSD has created a Gender Diverse Working Group that includes representatives of families, community members, and CCSD staff and students, to examine existing policies and guidelines in other districts and CCSD Policy 5137 - Safe and Respectful Learning Environment: Bullying and Cyberbullying.

The working group will examine:

- [Washoe Administrators Guide Language](#)
- [CCSD Policy 5137 - Safe and Respectful Learning Environment: Bullying and Cyberbullying](#)
- [Minnesota Guidelines](#)

CCSD will host five public meetings in October to present the recommendations from the Gender Diverse Working Group and hear feedback from the community, including staff and students. These meetings will be announced in the coming weeks.

The Gender Diverse Working Group will consider those suggestions and present a draft recommendation to the Board of Trustees for possible action in November or December.

"It's important that all students, including gender diverse students, feel safe, secure, and respected on our campuses," Edwards said. "Over the coming weeks, our working group of families, community members, and CCSD staff and students will examine best practices in other states and districts, and we will arrive at a recommendation that we will present to the public in five meetings throughout October. This is a sensitive conversation, but one I think our community must have. I look forward to the dialogue."

CCSD is working to comply with multiple state laws related to this issue, including SB 225,

passed by the 2017 Legislature, which requires CCSD to provide employees "training concerning the needs of persons with diverse gender identities or expressions."

For more information, visit ccsd.net/genderdiverse.

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