

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES 2019 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

BOARD VISION: All students progress in school and graduate prepared to succeed and contribute in a diverse global society.

Our top priority is to stabilize the Clark County School District (CCSD) budget by modernizing the K-12 school funding formula and increasing the public dollars dedicated to, and staying with, K-12 education.

Base funding formula requests:

- Increase base funding to impact educational opportunities for all students, including:
 1. Investing in our staff and students. This includes more adults on campuses such as teachers, support professionals, school police, school psychologists, school counselors, and school social workers, as well as recurring incentives for all teachers in Title I schools;
 2. Fund professional development for teachers and administrators, along with research-based instructional materials aligned to the academic standards to provide high quality, standards-based instruction in every classroom;
 3. Ensuring a safe learning environment, including Comprehensive School Safety Evaluations and facility upgrades, to improve safety measures.
- Modify the Distributive School Account (DSA) to provide for costs that CCSD is incurring but are not fully addressed in the DSA.

CCSD bill draft requests:

1. The District proposes inserting the language from Nevada Administrative Code 354.660 into the Nevada Revised Statutes protecting a school district's ending fund balance of not more than 8.3 percent.
2. Implement a "Handle with Care" initiative to address student trauma, which has an effect on academic achievement. When law enforcement encounters a student at the scene of a traumatic event, they will notify the Nevada Department of Public Safety and school district through SafeVoice, so the school can check in on the student or be aware that the student is dealing with trauma.

Other priorities include:

- Ensure school buildings are safe by establishing a fund for maintenance of failing plumbing, air-conditioning, electrical, and other major systems
- Modification to build on the intention of Nevada's Read by Grade 3 program through additional resources
- Increase separate and sustainable revenue streams to support Vegas PBS' educational services
- Explore the funding needed to expand Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs into middle and high schools to provide equitable access to CTE programs as well as areas in the District with limited CTE
- Support the continuation of early childhood education without impacting K-12 funding
- Preserve an elected Board of School Trustees so constituents have an elected official to hold accountable

Approved by the Board of School Trustees on November 8, 2018.

