



CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

POCKET GUIDE

A LITTLE BOOK ABOUT ALL OF THE BIG THINGS HAPPENING

2020-2021

A seven-member Board of School Trustees establishes CCSD policy and employs the superintendent to serve as chief executive officer. Trustees are elected to four-year terms.

Regular meetings of the Board are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m. Work sessions are held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 8 a.m. When appropriate, the Board may hold virtual meetings when gathering together in person is not possible.

For more information about the current Board of School Trustees, visit **ccsd.net/trustees** or call 702-799-1072.



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
VISION STATEMENT

ALL **STUDENTS** *progress*
in school and graduate
PREPARED to SUCCEED
AND CONTRIBUTE *in a*
diverse global society.





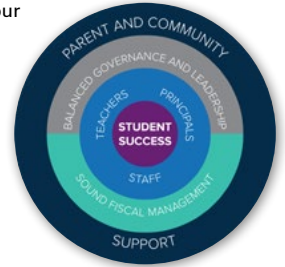
Jesus F. Jara, Ed.D.
Superintendent



COVID-19 has taken its toll in Clark County, including on our students, their families, and our employees. In addition to the lives lost and physical suffering, there has been economic devastation and mental anguish. A report by the Children's Advocacy Alliance highlights our community's economic disparity, poverty, and the need for social services in education – and this report was based on data collected *before* the pandemic.

Despite this adversity, our educators, support professionals, and administrators, joined by our parents/guardians and community partners, have worked tirelessly to support the academic growth and social-emotional wellbeing of our children during distance education. As we plan to transition back to our classrooms when it is safe to do so, we must not lose sight of the challenges faced by urban education in Clark County before the pandemic because they are even bigger today.

Whether it is the Clark County School District, the business community, or government at all levels, each of us must work together to address long-term issues and prepare our kids for the future they rightfully deserve. I am confident our entire community will rise to the challenge and emerge stronger than ever.



Established in 1956, the Clark County School District (CCSD) is the number one choice for families and students. We educate about 305,000 students – offering **a variety of nationally recognized programs**, including Magnet Schools and Career and Technical Academies, as well as International Baccalaureate, dual credit, workforce development, and Advanced Placement courses. Through these programs – plus our online secondary school and open enrollment offerings – **we offer the best choices to meet individual student needs.** As the nation's fifth-largest school district, and the fourth-largest rural district in the state, we have the ability to provide additional services, such as a school police department, adult education courses, and innovative community partnerships with Vegas PBS and The Public Education Foundation. CCSD educates about two of every three students in Nevada and **works closely with community partners and business leaders to educate the workers needed to strengthen our economy.**



SCHOOLS

The District operates **368 school programs** in 341 CCSD facilities on 334 CCSD campuses in Clark County:

- 231** Elementary Schools
- 60** Middle Schools
- 52** High Schools
- 4** Special Schools
- 21** Alternative Schools

CCSD also sponsors six charter schools.

Schools may be included in a variety of designated categories, such as:

- 12** International Baccalaureate Schools
- 9** Prime 6 Schools
- 241** Title I Schools
- 23** Victory Schools
- 38** Zoom Schools

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

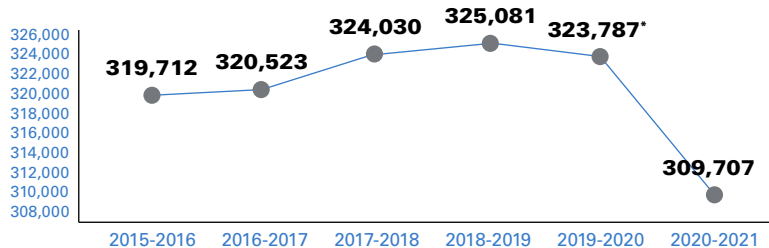
CCSD schools are organized into three geographic regions, each led by one region superintendent who is supported by three school associate superintendents. For a list of schools, including regional assignments, please visit **ccsd.net/district/directory/**.

SERVING DIVERSE NEEDS

A range of programs that meet a broad spectrum of students' educational needs are available. The current percentage of students who qualify for, or participate in, specialized programs:

- 15.6%** English Language Learners
- 12.9%** Special Education Services (provided up to age 22)

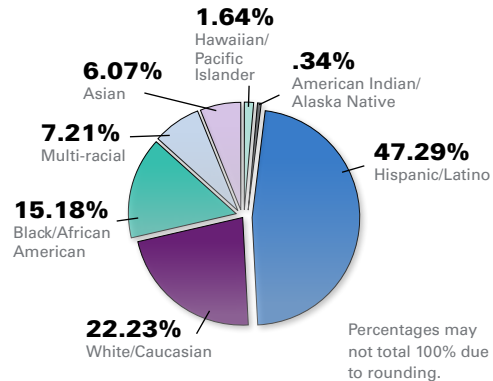
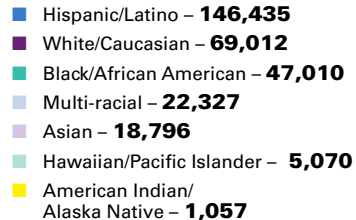
STUDENT ENROLLMENT



Note: All enrollment data based on Nevada Department of Education business rules.

- Our students come to us from 144 different countries and speak 78 different languages.
- For the 2020-2021 school year, 67 percent of CCSD's students qualified for the federal National School Lunch Program (as of Aug. 31, 2020).
- In 2019-2020, 13,287 CCSD students (or 4.1 percent) were homeless.
- We serve students who are highly gifted yet economically disadvantaged and students who need daily educational support but who are economically stable.

2020-2021 CCSD STUDENT POPULATION



WE PROUDLY SERVE THIS
BEAUTIFUL TAPESTRY OF STUDENTS.

CCSD is one of the largest employers in Nevada, **employing 41,438 people**, including full-time, part-time, and temporary employees, plus substitutes:

- 18,855** licensed personnel (includes teachers, counselors, speech therapists, school psychologists, etc.)
- 12,255** support professionals (includes clerical and food service staff, bus drivers, teacher aides, custodians, etc.)
- 1,344** administrators (includes principals, assistant principals, central office, etc.)
- 172** school police
- 4,236** substitute teachers
- 4,576** other temporary/substitute employees

(As of October 1, 2020)



The average pay for teachers is **\$61,222 (without benefits)**.

The District contributes an average additional **\$26,984** per teacher for benefits. This amount is comprised of **\$17,906** for retirement, **\$7,638** for health insurance, **\$888** for Medicare, and **\$551** for other benefits.

The beginning salary for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and no prior teaching experience is **\$41,863**.

(As of May 18, 2020 Final Budget)



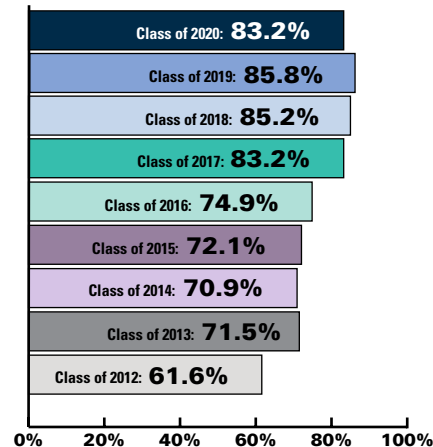
CCSD'S FINAL
GRADUATION
RATE FOR THE
CLASS OF 2020
WAS 83.2%

THE CLASS OF 2020 FEATURED:

- 252** Valedictorians
- 40** Salutatorians
- 653** Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars
- 184** AP Scholars with Honors
- 412** AP Scholars with Distinction
- 92** National AP Scholars
- 32** AP Capstone Diplomas
- 7** AP Seminar and Research Certificates
- \$308+ million** earned by merit/aid scholarship award recipients and Millennium Scholars

GRADUATION RATE

FOR THE GRADUATING
CLASSES OF 2012
THROUGH 2020, EVEN
WITH THE DECREASE
THIS PAST YEAR, THE
GRADUATION RATE
HAS INCREASED 21.6
PERCENTAGE POINTS
DURING THAT SPAN.





CCSD has the largest fine arts program in the country and has been honored with the **Best Communities for Music Education** designation from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) for the 21st consecutive year.

The U.S. Department of Education has recognized Judith D. Steele Elementary School, Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy, and West Career and Technical Academy as **National Blue Ribbon Schools**. Only three schools from Nevada were selected for this national honor this year.

Seventeen CCSD schools have been certified as **Governor's Designated STEM Schools**, denoting that the school meets the highest standards of STEM instruction and is a model for schools around the state.

Fay Herron Elementary School and Estes McDoniel Elementary School were recognized as **2020 National ESEA Distinguished Schools** by the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators. The Nevada Department of Education also recognized Mabel Hoggard Elementary School and Nate Mack Elementary School as 2020 Nevada ESEA Distinguished Schools.

A total of **52 CCSD high school students** were selected as **semi-finalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program** and competed for National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million. Fewer than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors receive this honor.

In 2019-2020, **three CCSD students** were part of the **56th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars**, recognizing only 161 high school seniors in the nation for their accomplishments in academics, the arts, and career and technical education fields.





44 5-Star Schools



54 4-Star Schools

CCSD celebrates the 98 schools that attained a 4-star or 5-star rating on the 2019 Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF), despite more rigorous standards. The NSPF is a measurement tool that assigns points relative to specific levels of achievement, growth, English language proficiency, and school climate with an overall scoring and rating system. In accordance with the U.S. Department of Education ESEA waiver to suspend accountability requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NSPF school ratings have been carried over from the 2018-2019 reporting year.

"CCSD remains committed to having all schools be three stars or higher by 2024. The District's five-year strategic plan, Focus: 2024, works to ensure equity and access to a rich and rigorous education for all students. We are celebrating our achievements, and will continue to support our classroom teachers and principals to reach our goals and continue to put kids first."

Jesus F. Jara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools



Dr. Jara recognized 63 Clark County schools, including two CCSD-sponsored charter schools, as part of the 2019-2020 Superintendent's Honor Roll. The list of distinguished schools includes 5 Star, Gold Star, and National Blue Ribbon Schools.

We congratulate the leadership and staff at these schools for their accomplishments in receiving this special honor.

CCSD HAS ONE OF THE TOP MAGNET PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY!

CCSD has two National Demonstration Schools that are “best in the nation,” and 36 Magnet Schools of America awards this year.

Advanced Technologies Academy was ranked the Best High School in Nevada and #120 in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

East Career and Technical Academy was awarded the highest honor from Magnet Schools of America, as the number one Magnet School in the U.S. in the 2017-2018 school year.

Gordon McCaw STEAM Academy was awarded the New and Emerging Magnet School of Excellence award for 2017-2018.

CCSD's Magnet, Career and Technical Academies, and Select Schools offer learning opportunities in **over 100 programs of study** that improve student achievement, promote diversity, and create an awareness of career opportunities. For more information, visit [**magnet.ccsd.net**](http://magnet.ccsd.net).

CCSD received a \$15 million national grant to create three new STEM magnet programs for the 2018-2019 school year.

CCSD offers Magnet and Select School programs at:

- **11 elementary schools**
- **12 middle schools**
- **22 high schools**

IN THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL
YEAR, KINDERGARTEN WAS
ADDED AS PART OF CCSD'S
MAGNET PROGRAM!

17
Schools of Excellence Awards

19
Schools of Distinction Awards

12
Nationally Certified
Magnet Schools

CCSD was named the National Advanced Placement (AP) District of the Year by the College Board in 2015. CCSD has continued to see gains in both participation and AP scores:

- **More than 12,500 CCSD students participated in an AP exam in 2020.** Student performance continues to increase with 55.9 percent of the 21,490 exams earning a qualifying score of 3, 4, or 5 indicating college readiness.
- The District also **increased pass rates** among eight of its student groups in 2020.
- **12,003 AP exams qualified for college credits** in CCSD last year. With an average in-state tuition cost of \$144 per credit hour, this represents a total of \$5,185,296 in potential tuition savings for students in CCSD and a return on investment for our community.
- **Nine high schools currently participate in the AP Capstone Program**, a rigorous two-year program. It is based on two yearlong AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research.



- In the 2019-2020 school year, there were **52,805 students enrolled in 257 Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses** districtwide.
- 74.1 percent of students enrolled in CTE courses are in comprehensive high schools.
- 70.6 percent of CTE students are enrolled in a **STEM-related CTE program**.
- **More than 500 business partners** support CCSD schools, ranging from career fairs to job internships and work-based experiences.



The release of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) test, otherwise known as “the nation’s report card,” shows that CCSD students are performing at a comparable level, or even better, than many of their counterparts in the nation’s large urban school districts, despite receiving significantly less funding than many of those districts.

The NAEP Trial Urban District Assessment, which is conducted every two years, allows CCSD to compare itself to 26 other urban school districts that serve similar student populations.

The 2019 results showed that CCSD’s performance is comparable to or exceeds:

76.9% of large city school districts in fourth-grade mathematics;

69.2% of large city school districts in eighth-grade mathematics;

80.8% of large city school districts in fourth-grade reading; and

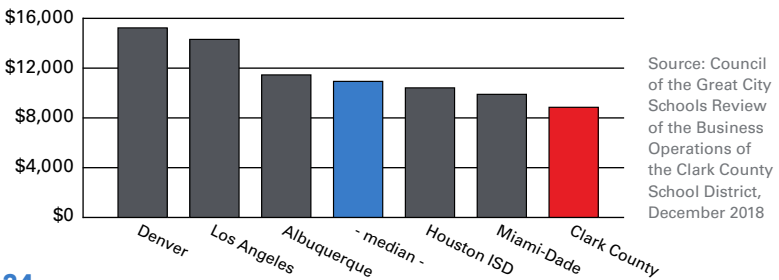
84.6% of large city school districts in eighth-grade reading.

THE NEVADA PLAN AND THE DSA

Funding for Nevada school districts is determined largely by the state through a funding program known as the Nevada Plan. School districts receive a specific amount of per-pupil funding from the State known as the Distributive School Account (DSA).

Basic per-pupil state funding is at **\$6,138** for CCSD. Adding local revenue sources to state funding brings the total per-pupil expenditures to **\$10,243**.

EXPENDITURES PER STUDENT COMPARED TO OTHER LARGE URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS



Nevada’s K-12 public schools are currently funded pursuant to the Nevada Plan. Created in 1967, the Nevada Plan has generally served the state well; however, concerns relative to transparency, ease of application, and legacy assumptions have prompted a need to modernize the current funding formula. Most notably, this includes recognition that the cost to prepare students for college or a career are not uniform, and the state’s education funding formula should be student-centered.

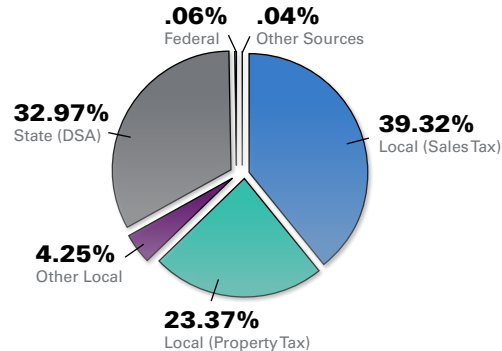
During the 2019 Legislative Session, **policymakers passed SB543, replacing the Nevada Plan with the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan**. The guiding principles of this legislation include transparency, student-centered, geographic diversity, a hold harmless provision, and that the formula is classroom focused.

CCSD is funded through a combination of local, state, federal, and other sources. CCSD uses fund accounting to ensure and to demonstrate compliance with government accounting and legal requirements.

The General Fund combined with the Special Education Fund is known as the General Operating Fund. Although they are required to be reported separately for external purposes, they are generally combined for budgeting and funding purposes.

For more information, please visit openbook.ccsd.net.

CCSD monitors compliance for more than **\$405 million in grant funding** for the 2020-2021 school year in support of approximately **120 grants**. The funding represents local, state, federal, and foundation grant awards generated through the efforts of CCSD teachers and District leaders in collaboration with numerous community partners.



GENERAL OPERATING FUND

(includes Special Education Fund)

FY 2021 Final Budget Revenues

\$2,445,108,000

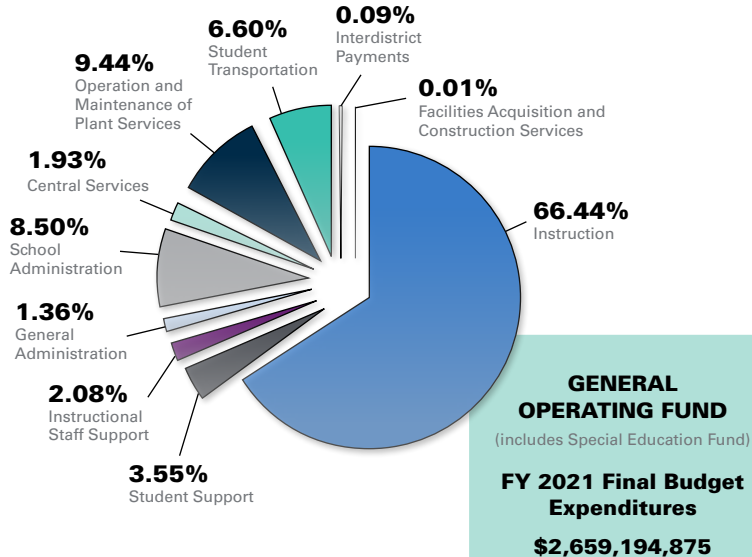
Percentages in the charts above may not total 100% due to rounding

REVENUES (dollars in thousands)

	FY 2021 ¹	FY 2020 ²	FY 2019 ²
Local Sources	\$ 1,636,716	1,607,183	1,654,706
State Sources	806,062	822,673	698,758
Federal Sources	1,380	1,533	1,463
Other Sources	950	807	1,242
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,445,108	2,432,196	2,356,168

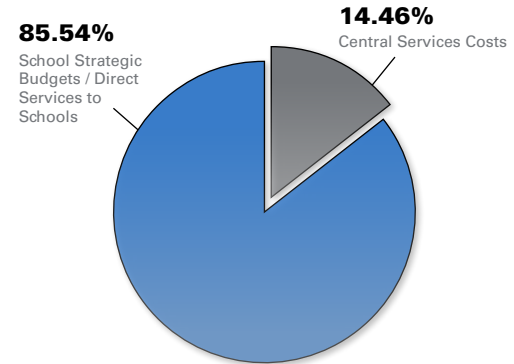
(As of 2020 Final Budget)

¹Final Budget 2021 ²Actuals 2019 and 2020 (unaudited)



BREAKDOWN OF \$1.590 BILLION UNRESTRICTED FUNDING

The District's Fiscal Year 2021 Final Budget is \$2.721 billion, of which \$1.770 billion is unrestricted funding and \$951 million is restricted funding, including \$45 million for bus and vehicle purchases, \$61 million for the District's Ending Fund Balance, \$321 million for NRS 388G.610, responsibilities of local school precinct, and \$524 million for Special Education.



85.54 PERCENT OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDING DIRECTLY SERVICES SCHOOLS

A bond or credit rating is a rating given to the debt obligations of the District as assigned by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The letter designation represents the quality of the bonds; the higher the rating, the less risk a potential investor assumes. The benefits of having a strong bond rating are lower interest costs when issuing bonds since investors oftentimes base part of their decision to buy bonds on the credit rating of the debt. Currently, the District has the following ratings with Moody's Investor Services (Moody's) and Standard & Poor's (S&P) as of June 2020.



The 2015 Nevada Legislature authorized funding to extend the Clark County School District's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to construct new schools, replace aging schools, and provide renovations and modernizations at certain schools. It is estimated that the bond program will provide \$4.1 billion in funds over a 10-year period. As of October 2020, the District has opened 14 new elementary schools, 9 replacement schools, and 34 classroom additions, adding more than 26,000 (26,673) new seats for capacity.

The CIP will be adjusted annually to respond to enrollment growth, legislative mandates, aging facility needs, and community input.

For more information, please visit cip.ccsd.net.



The Clark County School District encompasses all of Clark County, which covers **7,910 square miles**. It includes the metropolitan Las Vegas area and all outlying communities and rural areas.

- **1,816** buses
- **133,825** eligible bus riders
- **31,284** total bus stops
- **12,447** children receive specialized curb-to-curb service
- **1,218** unique student device connections to Wi-Fi-enabled bus stops during distance learning

More than 18 million miles were traveled in the 2019-2020 school year.

During the 2019-2020 school year, over **39 million meals** were served to students prior to implementation of distance education, initiated in mid-March because of COVID-19. Prior to start of distance education, CCSD's average daily meal counts were:

- **Breakfast – 94,223**
- **Lunch – 168,822**
- **Supper – 4,892**

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH

For the 2020-2021 school year, 67 percent of CCSD's students qualified for the federal National School Lunch Program (as of Aug. 31, 2020). But, in September 2020, the U.S. Department of Agriculture approved CCSD's waiver requesting that it be allowed to provide free meals to all children ages 2-18.

SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

Once distance education began and throughout the summer break, the federal government granted CCSD the authority to provide free meals to any child between the ages of 2-18 via a drive-through program at school sites. Total number of meals served from March 16 through Aug. 21, 2020: 5,620,396.

Every parent/guardian wants the best for their children. With parents/guardians and families providing the primary educational environment, students thrive when there is a partnership between home and school.

CCSD's Family and Community Engagement Services (FACES)

Department works to ensure that all parents/guardians, families, and community members have access to the tools, resources, and academic supports needed to foster and reinforce their children's learning and wellbeing.

FACES

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

75,300 FAMILY MEMBERS WERE
REACHED BY FACES INITIATIVES
DURING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

UNIVERSITY OF FAMILY LEARNING

The University of Family Learning invites adult family members to access valuable educational, networking, and leadership opportunities that will increase both family and student success.



Over 100 workshops are available to parents/guardians and families at school sites, community locations, and local employers in the daytime, evening, weekend, and online. Learning opportunities are available in the areas of Parents as Teaching Partners; Navigating the School System; Involvement, Leadership, and Advocacy; and Promoting Wellness and Development.

For more information, visit faces.ccsd.net.

The School-Community Partnership Program recruits and retains community partners who enrich the scholastic experience by supporting increased student engagement and achievement.

2019-2020 School-Community Partnership Program Highlights

- **15,289** Volunteer Opportunities
- **222,701** Volunteer Hours
- **1,565,572** Student Experiences
- **\$3,987,475** Cash Donations
- **\$44,899,363** Value of Programs and In-kind Donations

TOTAL ADDED VALUE TO SCHOOLS:
\$48,886,839!

BE A MENTOR

Volunteer mentors offer support and guidance to students, encouraging them and promoting future education and career focus.

ADOPT A SCHOOL

The Focus School Project matches all CCSD schools one-on-one with businesses, organizations, agencies, and individuals to bring needed resources to our students.

SHARE YOUR STORY WITH STUDENTS

In CCSD's Professionals and Youth Building a Commitment (PAYBAC) program, volunteers share with middle school students the message to continue their education, set goals, and plan for the future.

DONATE SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOLS

Through the Support-a-School initiative, individuals and businesses can support specific schools by donating requested items to these campuses and students who need them.

To volunteer or learn other ways to help, contact the School-Community Partnership Program at 702-799-6560, send an email to **partnership@nv.ccsd.net**, or visit **getinvolved.ccsd.net**.



Adult Education	702-799-8650
Career and Technical Education	702-799-8462
FACES (parent/guardian resources)	702-799-0303
Food Service	702-799-8123
Magnet/CTA Schools	702-799-8492
School-Community Partnership Program.....	702-799-6560
School Police Dispatch (crime reporting)	702-799-5411
Transportation	702-799-8100
Zoning	702-799-6430

Do you have a question, need assistance, or are not sure where to call? Contact us at 702-799-CCSD (2273), or EngageCCSD@nv.ccsd.net.



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