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### **CCSD Board of School Trustees meeting recap**

Board approves salary adjustment for school psychologists as CCSD continues focus on student mental and emotional wellbeing

LAS VEGAS - Agenda Item 5.06 & 5.07 - Approval of the New Memorandum of Agreement Regarding the Negotiated Agreement Between the Clark County School District and the Clark County Education Association.

The Clark County School District (CCSD) Board of School Trustees approved a Memorandum of Agreement that will increase compensation for CCSD's licensed school psychologists.

Nationally, there is a shortage of school psychologists. CCSD currently has 159 school psychologists. In Nevada, the recommended ratio is 500 students to 1 school psychologist. This is consistent with recommendations from the National Association of School Psychologists. The District's student to school psychologist ratio is currently approximately 2000:1.

School psychologists positions are a designated critical labor shortage area. Improving the base salary for CCSD licensed school psychologists will help with the recruitment and retention of licensed school psychologists on staff with the District to better provide our students with mental and emotional wellbeing services.

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#### Agenda Item 5.04 - Resolution Regarding Safe Storage of Firearms

The Board approved a motion that will direct the Superintendent to bring forward a resolution to the Superintendent School Safety Committee regarding safe storage of firearms. Trustees requested that recommendations from the committee be presented to the Board of School Trustees no later than June 1, 2021.

The proposed resolution presented would have the District communicate with parents/guardians by letter that explains the importance of secure gun storage and the legal obligations to protect minors from accessing irresponsibly stored guns.

The proposed resolution would also have the Board and the Superintendent continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, health agencies and nonprofits to collaborate and increase efforts to inform District parents of their obligations regarding secure storage of firearms in their homes.

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#### Agenda Item 4.01 - Information Technology Organizational Study

Trustees received a report on the results of CCSD's Information Technology (IT) Organizational Study. The report indicated, as highlighted by the pandemic, that IT is more important than ever. Additionally, the report highlights that technology supported curriculum should receive the same emphasis in staff development as does traditional curricular offerings. Establishing an "Information Utility" for secure anytime, anywhere learning requires an approach similar to facility planning such a blueprint, budget, identified implementation and operational funding.

The report also highlighted the need for enhancements to the current CCSD IT infrastructure. Those include recommendations to expand and fully integrate applications, cybersecurity, content filtering, and school safety systems with regular review and monitoring by an external source.

Trustees indicated that this report is timely as students continue with distance education where technology is a crucial component of education.

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#### Agenda Item 5.05 - Budget Update

The Board received a budget update presentation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021.

Trustees were informed that the District expects to be in a better financial position than budgeted for FY 2021. However, there are still budget uncertainties including COVID-19 fiscal impacts, possible recession impacts, enrollment uncertainties, State of Nevada funding reductions to K-12 education and the amount of reimbursement and additional disaster federal government funding.

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Agenda Item 5.01 - Debt Management Commission and Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Representative

The Board appointed Trustee Katie Williams as a representative to the Debt Management Commission and the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition.

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## Agenda Item 5.02 - Appointment of a Board Member to Fill an Unexpired Term on the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Board of Control

The Board appointed President Linda P. Cavazos to fill the unexpired term of former Trustee member Dr. Linda E. Young on the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Board of Control, effective January 28, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

Dr. Young served on the School Board for 12 years and termed-out in December 2020.

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