



A-TEAM NEWSLETTER



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District A

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- 12/24/07.....Winter Break
- 01/07/08.....*Classes Resume
- 01/21/08.....Martin Luther King Jr.
- 01/25/08.....Staff Development
- 02/18/08.....President's Day
- 03/17-21/08...Spring Break

For a complete list of calendar dates access [Important Dates 07-08.pdf](#)

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- December 13, 2007, 4:00 p.m.
- January 10, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
- January 24, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

The above board meetings are held at: Edward A Greer Education Center, Board Room 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121 Access the district's website at www.ccsd.net

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

- December 17, 2007, 9:00 a.m. (Work Session)
- January 14, 2008, 9:00 a.m. (Work Session)

Edward A Greer Education Center, Board Room 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

2008 Bond Public Input Meetings

January 7, 2008 and January 8, 2008 time and location to be announced.

PROGRESS REPORTS

UNSATISFACTORY NOTICES DISTRIBUTED:

In addition to the parent communication system available on school websites, Progress Reports/Unsatisfactory Notices will be distributed to students on 2/22/08 and 5/2/08. If your child is absent on the above date, please contact your child's school to make arrangements to receive the notice. Please Note: Notices will not be mailed home.

TEACHERS WILL ISSUE QUARTER GRADES FOR THE 2007- 2008 SCHOOL YEAR ON:

Quarter:	Quarter Ends:	Report Cards
Two	January 18	February 6
Three	March 28	April 16
Four	June 4	June 13-mailed

Happy December! I hope your holiday is filled with family and friends.

In January I made two predictions:

- The number of schools for the '06-'07 year making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements would increase. (They will probably decrease the following year, as the benchmark for making AYP will increase)
- Test scores overall for the '06-'07 year will continue to increase slightly. I believe that we are seeing the beginning of a trend of improvement of test scores, despite the high transience of our district (we are not testing the same students that we have taught in many instances) and the increasing non-English speaking population.

These were both fulfilled. The number of schools making AYP increased 12%, and we had achievement increases at all levels and in all student populations. I believe that the great efforts of teachers and administrators to align curriculum, testing and professional development to state standards is increasing student achievement. All students are taking algebra and reading by third grade is a priority. Much good work is occurring! Our Superintendent, Dr. Rulfes launched an initiative "Keep Your Eye on the CAP" to emphasize climate, academics and participation. There is no easy way to increase student achievement—it takes effort on the part of teachers, students, and everyone involved.

The Board will be concentrating for the next few months on the upcoming 2008 Bond Question. You have probably seen in the media the forecasts for student growth and facility needs for the 10-year program. After much analysis and discussion with the local entities, the staff proposed a \$9.5 billion bond program, of which more than \$5 billion would go toward building 73 new schools and more than \$4 billion would be used to renovate and improve existing schools. The District is projected to grow from its current 309,000 students to almost 475,000 in 2018. The Board will decide on the exact parameters of the bond question by the end of January. We will have Joyce Haldeman, Executive Director of Government and Community Relations at our January 10 A-Team meeting to discuss the Bond and its implications.

Zoning continues to be an issue of interest in District A. Overcrowding at Lamping is requiring a look at several adjacent schools to offer relief. Attendance Zoning Advisory Commission (AZAC) representatives from District A, Dave Miller and JoAnn Foutz have been very busy listening to parent input at school meetings and are working on scenarios that will be presented to AZAC. I appreciate their hard work in going the extra mile to obtain input. Proposals adopted by AZAC will be presented for public input on January 14 at Coronado High School. The final approval of the zoning will be made by the Board on March 4.

Our December A-Team/Southeast Region PAC meeting will be held on the 13th at 9:30 at Greenspun Jr. High. We appreciate Greenspun hosting our meetings this year. As requested, we will have a presentation on school funding by Jeremy Aguero, a local fiscal analyst. I hope to see you there, and invite all attendees to my home after the meeting for lunch.

Happy Holidays!

Mary Beth

DISTRICT A-TEAM MEETINGS: Plan on joining us for the District A-Team Meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., at Greenspun JHS, 140 N. Valle Verde, Henderson, Nevada 2008 A-TEAM Meeting dates are: January 10, 2008, February 14, 2008, March 13, 2008, April 10, 2008, May 8, 2008

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