



SESSION SPOTLIGHT

March 22, 2019

This week was perhaps the busiest week yet in the Nevada Legislature as one of the first deadlines for legislators arrived and their bills were due. Hundreds of bills dropped, many touching on K-12 education in Nevada.

Deadline for Bills Sponsored by Legislators

While Monday was the deadline, the legislature adopted a resolution (SCR4) to give themselves additional time to introduce bills. Many of the bills introduced to the floor were initiatives that either CCSD has closely followed as part of our [Legislative Platform](#) or issues many of our community partners have expressed interest in following. Some of them are:

- Read by Grade 3 - **AB289**
- Elimination of the Achievement School District - **SB321**
- Comprehensive Sex Education - **AB295**
- Ten Year Class Size Reduction Goal - **AB304**
- Debit/Credit Cards for Teacher Supply Reimbursement - **SB324**

As always, you can find the full list of bills we are tracking, including from this week, [here](#).

Apprenticeship Course and Instructors

On Tuesday, in the Assembly Committee on Education hearing, **AB199** on apprentice courses was presented. The bill authorizes school districts to collaborate with labor unions or trade associations in developing training and instruction in Career and Technical Education (CTE) in the associated fields. CCSD testified in support because of the importance of expanding CTE programs for the District's students in order to help them enter the workforce. You can read more about CCSD's initiative with community partners to increase apprenticeships among students [here](#).

Teacher Licensing

The Senate Committee on Education again listened to a presentation on an amended version of **SB41** on Wednesday afternoon. While CCSD had concerns with the prior version of the bill, especially in regards to requiring paraprofessionals to be licensed, this time CCSD testified in support after working with the Department of Education to remove that requirement.

Training for Safety of Children

On Thursday, in the Assembly Committee on Education meeting, Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner presented **AB261**. The bill puts language in Nevada statute outlining requirements for teacher and staff training on safety issues. CCSD testified in support of **AB261** and spoke to the training videos the district has employees view that exceed the minimum 20 minute runtime as required by the bill.

Reimbursement of School Supplies for Teachers and School Staff

Also on Wednesday, Assemblywoman Connie Munk presented **AB237**, which aims to expand the licensed professionals and support professionals who can qualify for an annual stipend to reimburse costs of school supplies. The school staff included in the expanded version of this reimbursement program include: counselors, nurses, librarians, paraprofessionals, speech-language pathologists, and long term substitutes. The method of payment for the stipend would later be decided by the Department of Education. CCSD testified in support of **AB237** stating the bill will help defray the school supply costs for our teachers and other education personnel.

[Current Scheduled Meetings for the Week of March 25, 2019.](#)

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