



CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FACT SHEET

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Just The Facts: The "Open Book" portal and the State of the District

LAS VEGAS – At today's State of the District address, Clark County School District Superintendent Dwight D. Jones announced the launch of the Open Book portal, a new initiative which allows the public to view the revenue and expenses that keep the nation's fifth-largest school district functioning. Jones also highlighted the District's academic gains and discussed priorities for the upcoming year.

Highlights of the "Open Book" portal, which will make CCSD one of the most transparent school districts in the nation, include:

- A breakdown of District spending and expenses
- A "guest book" for visitors to submit ideas for additional budget savings
- A portal that helps the District be more accountable for spending

Visitors may also be surprised to learn:

- Where the \$600 million in budget cuts came from
- CCSD has the lowest ratio of administrators to students in the nation (1:341)
- The District spends less than \$40 per student, per day
- The District spends less money per student than the four largest school districts in the country
- 90 percent of the District's budget is allocated for educator salaries and benefits

Superintendent Jones also highlighted several of the District's academic achievements:

- CCSD's graduation rate increased from 2010-2011
- A total of 96 schools achieved a 5-Star rating on the 2011-2012 School Performance Framework rankings, nearly double the number of schools from the previous year
- In nearly every state assessment, CCSD students showed academic improvement
- CCSD's turnaround schools showed improvement in academics and student engagement
- The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) reported a nine point increase in vocabulary scores for Nevada's African American 8th grade students
- The NAEP report also showed that Hispanic and Asian 8th grade students caught up with the national average

Priorities for the District in 2013 include:

- Implementation of the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI), which encourages low-income students to take AP courses
- Continue to implement a more rigorous curriculum in middle schools, including the Springboard curriculum in many middle schools, which encourages critical thinking through rigorous coursework

- Implementation of Common Core State Standards that align with national education goals
- Expand the reach of teachers who achieve exemplary results in the classroom

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