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Year-round schools named to ease overcrowding in 10 CCSD schools *Zoom schools will also convert to an extended 11-month calendar*

LAS VEGAS - Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky announced that 10 additional elementary schools will convert to a year-round calendar in the 2014-2015 school year to ease overcrowding. They will join three elementary schools that converted to a year-round calendar in the current 2013-2014 school year.

Skorkowsky made the announcement during his regular comments at today's Board of School Trustees meeting.

"The Clark County School District has gained more than 6,000 students during the past two years," Skorkowsky said. "If we filled every empty seat in all of our elementary schools, we could build 23 new elementary schools and fill them immediately. The enrollment gains in our elementary schools are creating congestion, packed classrooms and potential safety issues."

Skorkowsky said he didn't make the decision to convert schools to a year-round calendar lightly. He weighed many factors, including projected student population, seat capacity, school design and overall growth throughout the county. He also listened to input from parents -- about 100 parents emailed him regarding year-round calendar conversions.

He pointed out that the district does not receive funding to build new schools and funding from the last bond passed by voters in 1998 has almost run out.

"Without funds to build new schools, our choices are limited," he said.

The elementary schools that will convert to a year-round calendar due to overcrowding in the 2014-2015 school year include:

- Clyde C. Cox Elementary School
- Lois Craig Elementary School
- Laura Dearing Elementary School
- Mark L. Fine Elementary School
- Robert E. Lake Elementary School
- Aldeane Comito Ries Elementary School
- Bertha Ronzone Elementary School

Dr. C. Owen Roundy Elementary School
Gwendolyn Woolley Elementary School
Elaine Wynn Elementary School

The three elementary schools that converted to a year-round elementary school in 2013-2014 include:

Robert L. Forbuss Elementary School
Carolyn S. Reedom Elementary School
William V. Wright Elementary School

Skorkowsky also announced that all of the district's Zoom Schools will offer 17 additional days of instruction, starting in June. Craig and Ronzone elementary school students will have the opportunity to attend an additional 17 days of school in June, as well, before they transition to a year-round calendar in 2014-2015.

This 11-month extended calendar will improve language acquisition and student achievement for students who need additional resources and learning time to master literacy skills.

Skorkowsky said the district is engaging in a conversation with the community about how to deal with the accelerated enrollment the district has experienced over the past few years.

"Converting schools to a year-round calendar or rezoning attendance zones are only temporary, band-aid solutions," Skorkowsky said. "We're going to have to build additional schools to accommodate the incredible growth we are seeing. I appreciate the support we have heard from the community, and I look forward to having a conversation with Clark County residents about this important issue in the months and years ahead."

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