



# CARSON CITY

## School District

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### A NOTE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

I hope everyone will take some time to be with family, friends, and loved ones this holiday season. I would be remiss if I did not offer condolences and grace to all the families and individuals impacted by the tragic car accident that occurred in Kings Canyon, Nov. 9. As a school district, and as a community, our hearts have ached, and I believe all of us have cycled through a wave of emotions for the last several weeks. May we all consider the preciousness of life and extend an added effort for kindness and light our community with love and compassion.

As we move into the second half of the school year, we have plenty to celebrate. Our students and staff are receiving well-deserved accolades for their achievements in academics, arts, and other extracurricular activities. Miss Ashley Figueroa, a junior at Carson High School, was the winner of the State Fire Prevention & Awareness Poster contest. Chase Boholst, 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Mark Twain Elementary, took third place honors for his Scrap Metal Arm submission in a statewide recycled art contest. CHS Career and Technical Education (CTE) students Alex Camp and Martin Martinez created winning logo designs for Parkinson's Advocacy & Awareness and Senators NOW respectively. The CHS CTE program also celebrated the opening of a new manufacturing lab. Victoria Defilippi helped Carson Middle School to create its own health science student organization, the first middle school program of its kind for the school and the state. Mr. Don Bland of Pioneer High School was awarded Innovative Educator of the Year by the Nevada Association of School Boards. In addition, the Carson City School District Board of Trustees was honored as the Governance Team of the Year. Director of Operations Mark Korinek was recognized by GreenNevada and was awarded the 2017 Golden Pinecone Sustainability Award. In addition, the district began providing retroactive diplomas to all former students who qualify under the new requirements set by the Nevada Department of Education.



I believe all students can learn and excel at high levels. As Superintendent, I appreciate working with talented individuals who are committed to success in all facets. I wish you all a safe and happy Holiday Season.



### NV ENERGY CHECK PRESENTATION!

NV Energy presented an extra-large "incentive check" to the school district for switching to LED lighting and reducing its energy consumption by an estimated 1,872,580 annual kilowatt hours.

The check was presented to Superintendent Richard Stokes and Board of Trustees President Laurel Crossman during the November 14, school board meeting.





## INNOVATIVE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Saturday, November 18, at its Annual Conference, the Nevada Association of School Boards recognized the achievements and contributions of school board members, teachers, administrators, educational advocates and others from across the State. **Mr. Don Bland of Pioneer High School**, Carson City School District, was awarded Innovative Educator of the Year.

This Award recognizes the invaluable service provided to Nevada's children by those individuals who demonstrate their leadership by promoting and implementing innovative programs designed to improve student achievement.

[Click here](#) to read more from CarsonNow.org.

## GOVERNANCE TEAM OF THE YEAR

In addition to Mr. Bland's award, the **Carson City School District Board of Trustees** and **Superintendent Richard Stokes** were honored as the Governance Team of the Year by the Nevada Association of School Boards.

In being honored as the Governance Team of the Year, the school board and Stokes were recognized for implementing a learner-centered instruction practice districtwide that's improving student achievement across all grade levels. The District embarked on an ambitious goal of restructuring and aligning all curriculum at the high school level.



As the grant-funded project wrapped up during the 2016-2017 school year, the District has redesigned and aligned 350 high school courses and built 3,000 common assessments. Additionally, 100,000 learning targets were developed and tracked by students in real time. Included as part of the learner-centered instruction project, all schools established a School Support Team. Carson City students are already seeing benefits from the learner-centered model. The 2016 graduation rates were the highest they have been in years.

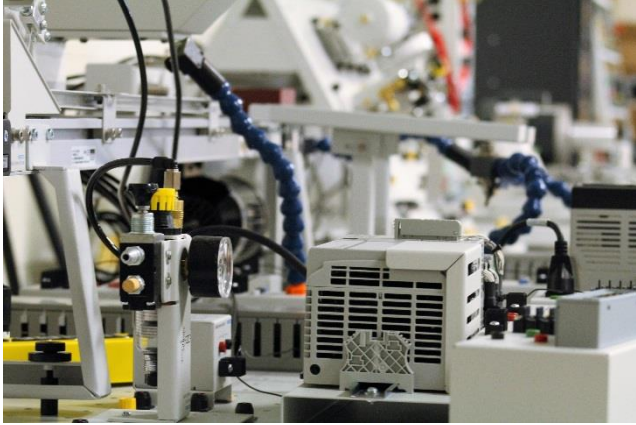
Another indication that students are learning more is the increase in pass rates across all high school grades. The learner-centered instruction practice is helping more students achieve competence and mastery; therefore, more students are meeting graduation requirements.

[Click here](#) to read the full report by the Nevada Appeal.



## NEW MANUFACTURING FACILITY AT CARSON HIGH

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Carson High School's CTE program opened a new manufacturing lab Friday, Oct. 6. The CHS CTE manufacturing lab is outfitted with motors, basic electronics and mechanical features to give students hands-on experience with typical equipment found in manufacturing shops including gear drives, belt drives, couplings, chain drives, shafts and bearings, as well as more complex equipment featuring hydraulics and pneumatics, and manual and software driven programmable logic controllers, or PLCs.

The CTE program is part of Gov. Sandoval's CTE initiative, providing education at industry levels in six career pathways including professions in agriculture and natural resources management, business and marketing, hospitality and tourism, information and media technologies and skilled and technical sciences. Many students will test for and hold national certifications in their chosen field upon graduating from high school. [Click here](#) to read a more comprehensive report by the Nevada Appeal.

## FOUR TEACHERS ARE OVER THE MOON

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Pictured here, left to right, Carson City elementary teachers Nancy Cole (Empire Elementary), Adrienne Wiggins (Empire Elementary), Coco Graham (Seeliger Elementary) and Miyoko Loflin (Bordewich Bray Elementary) completed the NASA lunar and meteorite sample disk training given by Dr. Karen C. Roark on October 4, 2017, which auspiciously was a full moon. The four teachers participated in experiments and educational activities to earn their NASA Lunar and Meteorite Certification.



This certification allows these teachers to bring highly protected lunar and meteorite resources to share with students in their classes. The four teachers spent 6 hours over 2 days working on experiments and activities to be certified. The lunar and meteorite disks are highly controlled, so the teachers had lectures on the proper handling of the important national treasures.

## STUDENTS HONOR VETERANS WITH EVENTS AND DISPLAYS

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Carson City students recognized and honored military men and women last month with Veteran's Day displays and events. Veterans from all branches of military service, as well as families of students, were encouraged to attend.

The Nevada Army National Guard also landed a CH47F Chinook helicopter on the main lawn at Eagle Valley Middle School.



Read [more of the story](#) from NevadaAppeal.com.

## NOTABLE FUTURE DATES

December 4 (Monday)	Professional Development ( <b>No School for students</b> )
December 5 (Tuesday)	Job Fair, <b>Carson High School</b> , 3:00-6:30 p.m., Senator Square
December 5 (Tuesday)	Band Concert, <b>Al Seeliger Elementary</b> , 5:30 p.m., MP Room
December 5 (Tuesday)	Musical Theatre Concert, <b>Carson Middle School</b> , 7 p.m., Cafeteria
December 5 (Tuesday)	Orchestra Concert, Eagle Valley Middle School, 6 p.m., <b>Brewery Arts Center</b>
December 6 (Wednesday)	Band Concert, Carson High School, 7 p.m., <b>Community Center</b>
December 6 (Wednesday)	Orchestra Concert, CHS, 5:30 p.m., <b>St. Theresa Catholic Church</b>
December 6 (Wednesday)	Choir Concert, <b>Carson Middle School</b> , 7 p.m., Cafeteria
December 7 (Thursday)	Strings Winter Concert, Carson High School, 7 p.m., <b>Community Center</b>
December 7 (Thursday)	Orchestra Concert, Combined School Orchestras, 7 p.m., <b>Community Center</b>
December 7 (Thursday)	Holiday 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Program, <b>Fritsch Elementary</b> , 5:30 p.m., MP Room
December 11 (Monday)	<b>Early Release</b> Day ( <b>Fremont and Empire only</b> )
December 12 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
December 12 (Tuesday)	Musical Theater, Carson High School, 7 p.m., <b>Community Center</b>
December 13 (Wednesday)	Choral Winter Concert, Carson High School, 7 p.m., <b>Community Center</b>
December 13 (Wednesday)	Winter Concert, <b>Eagle Valley Middle School</b> , 6-9 p.m., Gym
December 13 (Wednesday)	Holiday Choir and Band Concert, <b>Fremont Elementary</b> , 6 p.m., MP Room
December 13 (Wednesday)	Holiday Choir and Band Concert, <b>Mark Twain</b> , 5:30 p.m., MP Room
December 19 (Tuesday)	Holiday Choir and Band Concert, <b>Bordewich Bray</b> , 6 p.m., MP Room
December 19 (Tuesday)	Band Winter Concert, <b>Carson Middle School</b> , 6 p.m., Community Center
December 20 (Wednesday)	<b>Early Release</b> Day ( <b>Carson High and Pioneer High only</b> )
December 21 (Thursday)	<b>Early Release</b> Day (District-wide)
December 22 – January 5	<b>Winter Break (School Holiday)</b>
January 9 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
January 15 (Monday)	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (School Holiday)</b>
January 18 (Thursday)	Joint Meeting Board of Supervisors and Trustees, 6 p.m., Community Center
January 22 (Monday)	<b>Early Release</b> Day (District-wide)
January 23 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
January 29 (Monday)	Professional Development ( <b>No School for students</b> )
February 5 (Monday)	<b>Early Release</b> Day ( <b>Fremont and Empire only</b> )
February 13 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
February 16 – 19 (Fri./Mon.)	<b>President's Day Break (School Holiday)</b>
February 21 (Wednesday)	Community PLC Meeting, 6 p.m., Carson High School Library
February 26 (Monday)	<b>Early Release</b> Day (District-wide)
February 27 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
March 5 (Monday)	Professional Development ( <b>No School for students</b> )
March 12 (Monday)	<b>Early Release</b> Day (District-wide)
March 19 (Monday)	<b>Early Release</b> Day ( <b>Fremont and Empire only</b> )

### School Start Times & End Times:

Carson High School: 7:40 a.m. – 2:05 p.m.  
 Pioneer High School: 7:35 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
 Middle Schools: 7:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
 Elementary Schools: 8:25 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
 Pre-K Schools: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### School Early Dismissal Times:

Carson High School: 1:00 p.m.  
 Pioneer High School: 12:50 p.m.  
 Middle Schools: 1:20 p.m.  
 Elementary Schools: 2:00 p.m.  
 Pre-K Schools: 12:15 p.m.



## ADDITIONAL PLANS TO CUT ENERGY EXPENDITURES

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Carson City School District became the latest participant in an energy-awareness and savings program called powerED. [McKinstry](#), an energy and facility services expert, will administer the two-year educational-focused program.

The powerED program engages students, staff and faculty across the District in energy, water and waste conservation efforts. The program promotes energy efficiency and how to eliminate waste within facilities, ultimately helping the District save money. Much of this effort is focused on demonstrating to students and faculty how small changes—such as turning off lights, biking to school, recycling and composting, shutting off unused electronics, and buying locally produced items—can make a difference in their lives every day.

[Click here](#) to read a more comprehensive report from the Nevada Appeal.

## SCHOOL BREAK SHUTDOWN LIST

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To further efforts to cut energy expenditures, we encourage all employees to please take the time to review the checklist at the right prior to leaving for winter break.

The comprehensive list is also helpful for families traveling out of town for the holidays.

### Before leaving for break...

Please take a few minutes to help reduce our electricity usage with just a few simple actions:

- Turn off printers, scanners, and other computer peripherals.
- Turn off all computers.
- Turn off monitors and speakers.
- Turn off all desk lights, lamps, and overhead lights.
- Unplug any audio/visual equipment including radios, TVs, video players, and musical instruments.
- Turn off and unplug shredders, calculators, and other business machines. If you're expecting faxes over the break, keep your fax machine on.
- Open blinds or curtains on windows that face west or south.

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## MARK KORINEK EARNS 2017 GOLDEN PINECONE

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We are pleased to announce Director of Operations Mark Korinek as a winner of [GreenNevada's](#) (Growing Resources for Environmental Education in Nevada) 2017 Golden Pinecone Sustainability Award. Korinek was nominated and recognized in the Individual / Volunteer category for his visionary leadership in guiding the District to implement sustainable practices.

Korinek contributes to green initiatives on many levels and is diligent in making sustainability a high priority in the operation of the school district, [the award stated](#). He chairs the CCSD's Sustainability Action Team and was the lead that helped incorporate the sustainability language, "Plan and develop sustainable solutions for operational goals," into the District's [Strategic Plan](#).

[Click here](#) to read a more comprehensive report from the Nevada Appeal.

## ASHLEY FIGUEROA WINS POSTER CONTEST

Carson City School District was pleased to announce Miss Ashley Figueroa, a junior at Carson High School, as winner of the State Fire Prevention & Awareness Poster contest for the High School category. Figueroa was honored with her poster placed on billboards in the Elko, Reno/Sparks, Carson City and Las Vegas areas.

Nevada State Fire Marshal Bart Chambers, Carson City Fire



Marshal Dave Ruben, Carson City Deputy

Fire Marshal Chris Vaughan, Regional Education Specialist of the National Fire Protection Association Jeff Donahue and Vice President of the Fire Prevention Association of Northern Nevada Sylvia Lee presented Figueroa with certificates of merit, Thursday, Oct. 19, at Carson High School.



[Click here](#) to watch a more comprehensive report from KTVN Ch. 2.

## MARTIN MARTINEZ CREATES WINNING 'SENATORS NOW' LOGO



The two-week project was worked on by 32 Graphic Design III and IV students in Patricia Ababio's CHS class. They designed 29 logos, giving the Senators NOW students the opportunity to choose from a variety of logos with many different perspectives. The guidelines were broad, but encouraged school spirit and the relationship between the high school and the community. The new logo will be used on videos, microphones, T-shirts and the like.

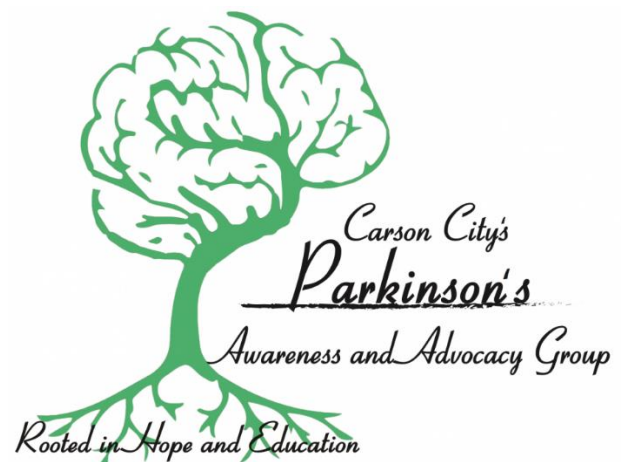


Logos were submitted to the digital media class on Sept. 29. Votes were tallied and the new logo was selected. Junior Martin Martinez, a graphic design III student, was the winner. More information [here](#).

## ALEX CAMP DESIGNS WINNING LOGO FOR PARKINSON'S ADVOCACY GROUP



With the group growing by two or three participants per month, and in an effort to bring more recognition within the community, Brian Reedy, Carson City Parkinson's Advocacy and Awareness co-director, knew he had to create a logo to help identify the organization. Again, Patricia Ababio's graphic design III and IV students were sought out.

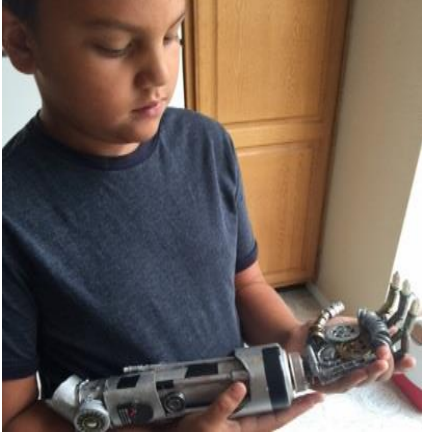


The students presented Reedy with 29 logos which he presented to his organization. The group voted to narrow the entries to five and then voted again, selecting Alex Camp's design.



## CHASE BOHOLST PLACES THIRD IN STATEWIDE RECYCLED ART CONTEST

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Mark Twain Elementary School fourth-grader, Chase Boholst, was recognized recently in Las Vegas for his contributions to a statewide art contest to raise recycling awareness. In the K-5 category, Boholst took third place honors for his submission, Scrap Metal Arm.

More than 100 artists statewide, ranging from students in kindergarten through 12th grade to adults, submitted photos of their artwork composed of recyclable materials.

The contest was to celebrate America Recycles Day and was sponsored by the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Nevada Recycles Program, The Venetian and The Palazzo in Las Vegas.

## VICTORIA DEFILIPPI HELPS CREATE NEW HOSA CHAPTER AT CMS

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The Carson High School CTE program and Victoria Defilippi, a senior CTE student and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) state officer, helped Carson Middle School create its own health science student organization, HOSA, the first middle school program of its kind for the school and the state.

The recent switch to a block schedule at the middle school opened up the need for more classes, so when Sports Medicine and Introduction to Health Science were brought on to help fill those gaps, a student organization to support those classes became a necessity. Working with Frank Sakelarios and Kelly Gustafson, CTE health science instructors and HOSA advisors at CHS, Defilippi decided to focus her senior project on the creation of the HOSA chapter at CMS. [Click here](#) for more information.



## RETROACTIVE DIPLOMAS AVAILABLE

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Following the guidance of the State of Nevada, Carson City School District (CCSD) will be providing retroactive diplomas to all former students who qualify under the new requirements set by the Nevada Department of Education.

Due to the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) no longer being required under the Nevada Revised Statutes and Assembly Bill 7's removal of the requirement to pass the End of Course Exams (EOC), the Department of Education stated that students in Nevada are no longer required to pass the HSPE to receive a Standard High School or Adult Standard Diploma. [Click here](#) for more details.

Any student previously denied a Standard High School or Adult Standard Diploma solely because the student did not satisfy the requirement to pass the HSPE will be issued a retroactive diploma if:

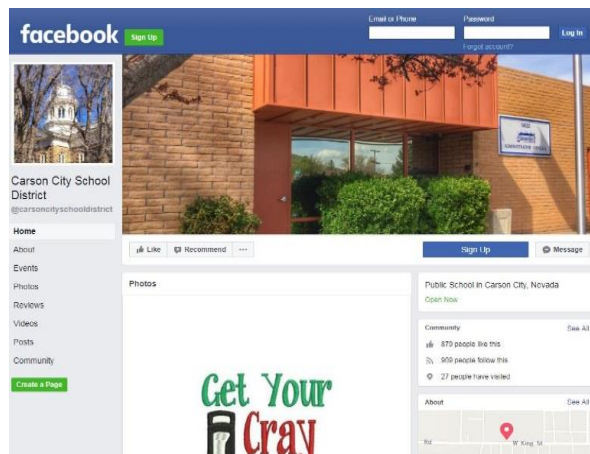
1. The student submits a written request to the school where they were last enrolled to determine if they satisfy the necessary requirements.
2. After reviewing the transcript and any other relevant documentation, the school will determine the student's eligibility to receive the diploma.

## UPDATED STAFF DIRECTORY ON THE WEBSITE

The staff directory located on the district website has been updated. Users may now search for teachers or employees by school site Location, First or Last Name, or by Title. Contact information in the new directory will also be updated daily to provide our staff, students, parents, and other stakeholders with current and accurate information. Here is a [direct link](#) if you would like to view the new staff directory.



## CONNECT WITH US!



Be sure to FOLLOW and LIKE CCSD's Facebook: ([facebook.com/carsoncityschooldistrict](https://facebook.com/carsoncityschooldistrict)) and Twitter ([twitter.com/carsonschoools](https://twitter.com/carsonschoools)) pages. Each provide real-time district and school news to the community. The pages are used as a tool to relay information of school closures, emergencies, good news, events, etc.

The pages aim to engage the community about local, state and national education news/topics, report from live board of education meetings and other district meetings and events and post student and staff pictures and achievements.



## SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US!

Have you captured some amazing photos at some of our school sites? Please share your photos with us. Feel free to email our Public Information Officer Dan Davis, [ddavis@carson.k12.nv.us](mailto:ddavis@carson.k12.nv.us), with any shots you'd like to share publicly through our social media. Or tag us @carsoncityschooldistrict on Facebook or @carsonschoools on Twitter.





## BACKPACKS DISTRIBUTED TO HOMELESS STUDENTS

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In a collaborative effort with the Carson City School District, the Nevada Department of Education divided and packed more than 600 backpacks and books for the education of homeless children and youth across Nevada.

[Feed the Children](#) shipped the supplies to the [McKinney-Vento Students in Transition](#) Program where those items were divided up, assembled and distributed to more than 17 districts throughout the state.

“Our district and employees are happy to host this activity,” said Mr. Richard Stokes, superintendent. “Our schools are extensions of our community, so providing for students in Nevada who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence is really a part of who we all are.” [View the full story](#) from KTVN, Ch. 2 News here.



## FIREFIIGHTERS HELP KEEP STUDENTS WARM

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Carson City firefighters donated nearly 200 brand new coats Monday, November 6, to students in need. Carson City School District’s McKinney-Vento Students in Transition helped identify those students who are most in need. Students in Transition are individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

“We are so grateful for such timely gifts as the weather turns colder,” said Dan Davis, public information officer for the Carson City School District. “These firefighters and those who helped make this possible attests to the gracious and caring community here in Carson City.”

Read [the full story](#) from NevadaAppeal.com.

## ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

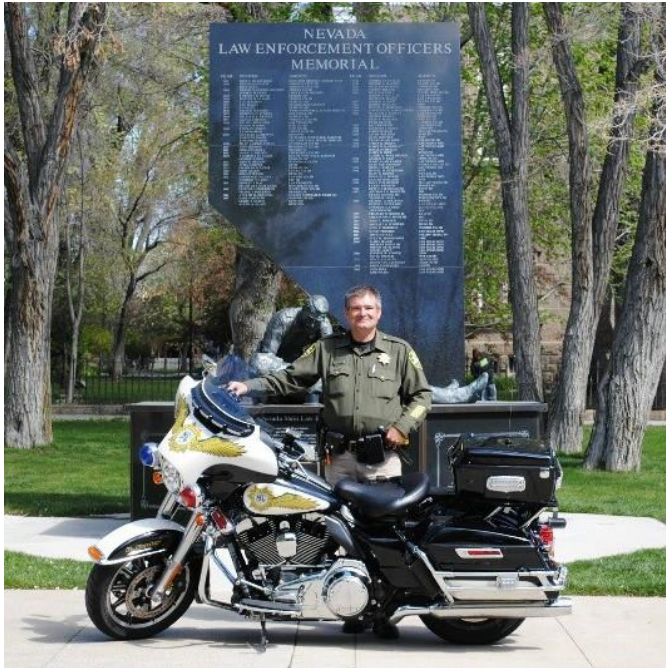
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The Carson City Schools Foundation (CCSF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting community involvement and investment in the public schools of Carson City. CCSF was created to increase student achievement through philanthropic investment and involvement. Serving at the pleasure of the superintendent and the Board of Trustees, we plan to be a vehicle for education investment that traditional funding sources might not be able to reach.

How can you help? Make a contribution with your credit card. It’s easy! Go to [ccschoolsfoundation.org/campaigns/donations/](https://ccschoolsfoundation.org/campaigns/donations/) for a simple self-explanatory contribution link. [Click here](#) to watch a YouTube video about the foundation.



## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER MATT PUTZER TO RETIRE



In July of 1989 Matt Putzer became a Deputy Sheriff with the Carson City Sheriff's Office. He spent fourteen of those years as a motor/traffic Deputy and then finished his career as a School Resource Officer.

Officer Putzer's last day will be at the end of December 2017. Please come celebrate his career with us.



## HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS PROVIDED OVER HOLIDAY BREAK!

In partnership with Nevada Health Centers, the Carson City School District offers a [School-Based Health Center](#) open to Carson City families of school-aged children. The health center located at 618 W. Musser Street (behind the Professional Development Center at 604 W. Musser) in Carson City provides the following services:

- Preventive health and wellness
- Well child checks
- Sick visits
- Sports physicals
- Immunizations
- Health Management

The health center also accepts the following payment sources:

- Private Insurance
- Medicaid and Medicare
- Nevada Check Up
- Women's Health Connection
- Sliding fee for low income uninsured patients



Medical Appointments **Call: 800-787-2568.**

**Hours:** Tuesday & Thursday, 7:00 am – 5:30 pm (closed for lunch 12-1 pm)



## NOTES:

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## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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For more information regarding the Carson City School District, don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Hours of Operation  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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