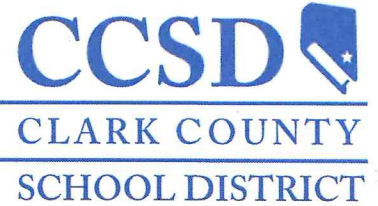


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Dear Parent or Guardian,

In December 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law. Highlights of ESSA include holding all students to high academic standards and ensuring that the lowest-performing schools are provided the appropriate supports for school improvement.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you about important information regarding your child's school and to detail the protocol for measuring the academic performance of public schools in Nevada.

The State of Nevada has realigned its school accountability system, the Nevada School Performance Framework. As a result, schools will receive informational star ratings in January 2018.

The following have been identified as goals for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Reduce the percentage point gap between proficiency of highest and lowest scoring subgroups in reading
- Reduce the percentage point gap between proficiency of highest and lowest scoring subgroups in math
- Reduce the over-representation of diverse student populations regarding suspensions, behavioral school referrals, and expulsions

To meet these goals, Gibson Middle School is using allocated Title I funding to reduce class sizes and provide after school tutoring as well as needed instructional supplies. Additionally, your child's school is utilizing other funds to strengthen their instructional program by purchasing assessment tools, providing teacher collaboration time and hiring certified tutors for students.

For more information about the progress being made relative to these goals, please review the School Performance Plan on your school's website. Additionally, your school's rating report is available at www.nevadareportcard.com.

Parent engagement is critical to the success of students; therefore, you are encouraged to become involved in the academic progress of your child's school. Please visit your school to obtain information about opportunities for involvement. Together, we can make a difference.

C.J. Miller, Interim Director
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