



Legislative Update

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Dear Friend,

If you DO NOT want to receive these newsletters, please reply to this message and I'll be happy to remove you from the list.

Helping Every Student Succeed in School

Nothing is more important to a student's success in school than the involvement of his or her family.

I have always been involved in my daughters' schools, and I volunteer at extracurricular events at the schools in my district. I have found that sometimes, it is the simplest tasks that help the teacher the most-cutting out Valentines or helping to organize papers, for example. And, volunteering always helped me to get to know school personnel and to keep track of how the kids were doing.

I hear from parents all the time that they would like to get involved, but don't know where to start.

Below are several links with tips on how you can get involved and help your children or grandchildren succeed in school.

- Help your child learn to use the Internet safely and effectively. Use your local library to access computers if you do not have one at home.
- Make sure your student has a library card and checks out books to read at home.
- Monitor your child's homework habits. Identify a special place for your child to study and set a regular time for homework.
- Encourage your child to get involved. There are many after-school activities including sports, arts, and dance available through the City of North Las Vegas. <http://www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreation.shtm>
- Find the time to talk to your child about his or her day in school-whether it be in the car, at the dinner table or any other time you are spending together.

Resources to Help You Get Involved

Clark County School District--You can find and track your students' grades and get information on how you can get involved in your children's or grandchildren's school by visiting <http://www.ccsd.net/> and clicking on "Parents."

Nevada State Parent Information and Resource Center (PIRC)-PIRC's website has a wide variety of suggestions of activities parents and grandparents can do with their students. Their website is <http://www.nevadapirc.org/>.

Parent Teacher Association-the National PTA has tips on helping students with homework, instilling a love for reading, and working with teachers to help your students succeed. Visit <http://www.pta.org/>, click on "Topics" and then on "Student Success."

US Department of Education-For a series of online brochures on topics ranging from helping your students with science and math to getting prepared for college, visit <http://www.ed.gov/> and click on "Parents."

New Legislation to Help You Participate in School

The 2009 Legislature enacted a new law requiring businesses with 50 or more employees to provide their employees up to four hours of unpaid leave a year to attend school activities or to volunteer in their children's school. For more information on how this law works, please visit <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/>. You can call or email me and I will send you a copy of the legislation.

School Safety-Protecting Kids on the Way to School

Making sure our kids are safe as they go to and from school is critical. The Legislature enacted a law in 2007 that gives school police the authority to issue traffic citations around schools for speeding, double-parking and parking in "No Parking" zones.

If your children walk to school, be sure you have chosen the safest route. Make sure they do not deviate from this route.

Contact Me

Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss any issues or concerns. My home number is 702-655-0332 and my email address is mkirkpatrick@asm.state.nv.us.

Sincerely,

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