



Washoe County School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: Alice Smith Elementary School

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the Nevada School Performance Framework classification of your child's school, what this classification means, and what the district and school are doing, in our continued commitment, to provide support and to address the needs at the school. As a parent, you are key to your child's success, and we invite you to be involved as an active partner in helping to make positive academic achievement gains at the school.

Nevada is one of many states to receive flexibility around the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation passed in 2001 from the U. S. Department of Education; however, although schools are no longer categorized by their Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), schools and districts must comply with aspects of the new Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) waiver. Within the waiver, Nevada has articulated a clear plan to improve standards-based instruction and to assess student, educator, school, district, and state performance through an accountability system. Nevada has shifted from an accountability system based on federal definitions and sanctions to our own state's accountability system called the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF). The Waiver supports the state, districts, schools, families, and other stakeholders to share a common understanding of district and school performance and to distinguish schools that are meeting performance expectations from those that are not. The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) and school districts are now better able to direct resources to schools that need them the most, and to focus improvement and sustainability efforts on what matters most: ensuring college- and career-readiness for all students.

The state of Nevada is implementing accountability classifications within the Star classification system, with additional designations as Reward, Priority, or Focus for some schools. Schools and districts are now focusing on the results of the NSPF reports and the improvement planning processes that follow. This allows for educators and parents to focus attention on student growth, and to move students towards achievement of meaningful college- and career-readiness.

In the previous year, NDE released a report on the progress schools are making toward supporting their students on the Pathway to Graduation. The NSPF report classifies schools on a scale from one to five stars, based on proficiency and growth measures in reading and math. A five star classification indicates the students at the school are high performing and continue to grow at high levels. A one star classification indicates that a large number of students at the school are not progressing adequately along the pathway to graduation.

Nevada has requested flexibility to pause Nevada School Performance Framework school ratings for school year 2015-2016, since new assessments are being implemented. Nevada will not assign schools new ratings or grades based on assessments administered in 2015-2016. Instead, schools will retain their 2013- 2014 grade or rating for an additional year. Schools will continue to implement appropriate interventions based on the continued grade or rating.

Of the one hundred and five (105) schools reported in Washoe County, including charter schools, eighteen (18) received five star classifications, seventeen (17) received four star classifications, fifty-one (51) received three star classifications, fifteen (15) received two star classifications, and four (4) received a one star classification. Alice Smith Elementary School has received a "3 star" classification for 2014.

A 3-Star School has some areas of success as well as some areas that need improvement relative to student proficiency and/or student growth on the State assessments. The school has negotiated flexibility with the school district in decision-making and, when appropriate, is acknowledged for its successes with public recognition.

To provide on-going support and address needs:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The District will provide technical assistance in analyzing data and guiding the school performance planning process and implementation ✓ Achievement data will be shared with parents ✓ The District will provide resources to support Intervention for students ✓ The District will continue to support schools in implementing the Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVAC) ✓ All schools with a 1 or 2 Star rating, and some 3 Star schools, will use information and data from the Nevada Comprehensive Curriculum Audit Tool for Schools (NCCAT-S) to guide school performance planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The school will use scientifically research based programs to improve student achievement in reading, writing, and mathematics ✓ The school will continue to implement Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports ✓ Supplemental instructional materials will be purchased to support student learning ✓ Extended Learning Time will be offered before or after school and/or during intersessions ✓ Teacher, principal and staff will receive additional professional development to support and enhance student learning ✓ Parent classes/nights will be offered by the school or through Parent University
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The WCSD is firmly committed to achieving the goal of the District’s strategic plan, ***Envision WCSD 2020: Investing in Our Future: Every Child, by Name and Face to Graduation***, and we recognize that the District and its schools must continually improve. Our schools are filled with truly outstanding teachers, principals and support staff, who regularly update their skills and participate in training to help them meet the needs of all students.

We urge you to examine the results from Alice Smith Elementary School contained in the school’s accountability report which is available at both the State and District websites. We encourage you to be involved in the parent organization, maintain open lines of communication with your child’s teacher, and participate in school events, such as School Performance Plan meetings and volunteering. Also, please review the attached documents, “A Parents’ Right to Know,” regarding teacher qualification requirements under NCLB. For more information on the initiatives taking place at your child’s school and comparisons to other schools, please visit the Nevada Department of Education website at www.nevadareportcard.com or the WCSD website at www.washoeschools.net.

If you have any questions, please contact your child’s school or the Title I office at 333-6030.

Respectfully,

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En el año anterior, la NDE publicó un informe sobre los avances de las escuelas para apoyar a sus estudiantes en el camino hacia la graduación. El informe NSPF clasifica las escuelas en una escala de una a cinco estrellas, basado en la competencia y medidas de crecimiento en lectura y matemáticas. Una clasificación de cinco estrellas indica que los estudiantes de la escuela son de alto rendimiento y continúan creciendo a niveles altos. La clasificación de una Estrella indica que un gran número de estudiantes de la escuela no están progresando adecuadamente a lo largo del camino hacia la graduación.

Nevada ha solicitado la flexibilidad para hacer una pausa en el Marco de Desempeño de la Escuela de Nevada para el año escolar 2015-2016, ya que nuevas evaluaciones están siendo implementadas durante ese año. Nevada no asignará a las escuelas nuevas calificaciones o grados basados en evaluaciones administradas en el 2015-2016. En cambio, las escuelas mantendrán su grado o calificación del 2013- 2014 durante un año más. Las escuelas continuarán implementando intervenciones adecuadas basadas en la calificación continua.

De las ciento cinco (105) escuelas reportadas en el Condado de Washoe, incluyendo las escuelas chárter, dieciocho (18) recibieron la clasificación de cinco Estrellas, diecisiete (17) recibieron la clasificación de cuatro Estrellas, cincuenta y uno (51) recibieron la clasificación de tres Estrellas, quince (15) recibieron la clasificación de dos Estrellas, y cuatro (4) recibieron la clasificación de una Estrella. Alice Smith Elementary School recibió la clasificación de " 3 Estrellas " para el 2014.

Una escuela de 3 Estrellas cuenta con algunas áreas de éxito, así como algunas áreas que necesitan mejoras en relación con la

competencia estudiantil y / o crecimiento de los estudiantes en las evaluaciones estatales. La escuela ha negociado la flexibilidad con el distrito escolar en la toma de decisiones y, cuando sea apropiado, es reconocida por sus éxitos con el reconocimiento público.

Para proporcionar un apoyo continuo y abordar las necesidades:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ El Distrito proporcionará asistencia técnica en el análisis de datos y guiar el proceso de planificación del rendimiento escolar y la implementación ✓ Los datos de los logros se compartirán con los padres ✓ El Distrito proveerá los recursos para apoyar la intervención para los estudiantes ✓ El Distrito seguirá apoyando a las escuelas en la implementación de los Estándares de Contenido Académico de Nevada (NVAC) ✓ Para todas las escuelas con una calificación de 1 o 2 Estrellas, y algunas escuelas de 3 Estrellas, se utilizará la información y los datos de la herramienta de auditoría integral del Plan de Estudios Comprensivo de Nevada para las Escuelas (NCCAT-S) para guiar la planificación del rendimiento 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ La escuela utilizará los programas basados científicamente en la investigación para mejorar el rendimiento de los estudiantes en lectura, escritura y matemáticas ✓ La escuela seguirá llevando a cabo el apoyo a la Intervención del Comportamiento Positivo ✓ Se adquirirán materiales educativos suplementarios para apoyar el aprendizaje del estudiante ✓ Se ofrecerá ayuda de aprendizaje extendido antes o después de la escuela y / o durante las sesiones de descanso entre sesiones. ✓ Los maestros, directores y el personal recibirán desarrollo profesional adicional para apoyar y mejorar el aprendizaje del estudiante ✓ Las noches de clases para padres serán ofrecidas por la escuela o por medio de la Universidad de Padres
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El WCSD está firmemente comprometido para lograr la meta del plan estratégico del distrito, **Envision WCSD 2020: Invertir en nuestro futuro: Every Child, by Name and Face to Graduation** Todos los niños, por nombre y rostro hacia la graduación, y reconocemos que el Distrito y las escuelas deben mejorar continuamente. Nuestras escuelas están llenas de maestros, directores y personal de apoyo, verdaderamente excepcionales y que se actualizan regularmente en sus habilidades y participan en entrenamientos para ayudarles a satisfacer las necesidades de todos los estudiantes.

Les recomendamos que examinen los resultados de Alice Smith Elementary School contenidas en el informe de responsabilidad de la escuela, que está disponible tanto en los sitios web del Estado y del Distrito. Le animamos a estar involucrados en la organización de padres, mantengan abiertas las líneas de comunicación con el maestro de sus hijos, y participen en eventos de la escuela, como el Plan de Desempeño Escolar y para ser voluntarios. Además, revisen los documentos adjuntos, "Derecho a saber de los padres", en relación con los requisitos de calificación de maestros bajo NCLB. Para obtener más información sobre las iniciativas que tienen lugar en la escuela de sus hijos y las comparaciones con otras escuelas, por favor visite el sitio web del Departamento de Educación de Nevada en www.nevadareportcard.com o el sitio web del WCSD en www.washoeschools.net.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor comuníquese con la escuela de su hijo o la oficina del Título I al 333- 6030.

Respetuosamente,

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