



WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (WCSD) BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Legislative Platform for the 2019 Session

In order to serve the students, families, and community of Washoe County, the WCSD Board of Trustees is in favor of legislation that supports WCSD's strategic plan, Envision WCSD 2020 and iNVEST 2019.

Operating Funds

The Board of Trustees supports K-12 funding that is whole and stable. The Trustees endorse:

- DSA-basic per pupil support that keeps pace with actual competitive teacher and staff compensation, healthcare, operating and other inflationary costs.
- \$8.4 million in funds incorrectly allocated during the 2017 legislative session.
- Modernizing the Nevada Plan funding formula and including a long-term implementation plan that ensures our district receives adequate funds.
- Ensuring all revenue dedicated to K-12 education is used for the original intent and is not supplanted or reverted to the state.
- Comprehensive property tax review and reform to ensure more stable and predictable revenue that is matched with demand for student services.
- Elimination of any current un- or under-funded mandates and opposition to new un- or under-funded mandates.

Academic Success

Washoe County School District is committed to ensuring student academic growth through an aligned system of curriculum and assessment founded on rigorous and relevant instruction that meets the needs of every child in our diverse student population. The Board of Trustees endorses:

- Emphasis on improving equitable access to relevant and rigorous career and technical education.

- Ensuring access to Pre-K is sustained in the wake of federal funding shortfalls.
- Continued funding for English Learners and At-Risk students through Zoom and Victory funds with an increased level of flexibility to ensure all funds are being used efficiently and effectively.
- Fully fund and modify Nevada KIDS Read/Read by Grade Three to put decisions about retention in the hands of families and educators.

School Safety

Washoe County School District believes that a working and learning environment that is safe and respectful is essential for all students and staff to achieve success. The Board of Trustees endorses policies and practices that:

- Promote social and emotional wellbeing of students and staff to prevent bullying and school violence, and foster development of good digital citizenship skills, which are responsibly and appropriately tailored to a K-12 educational setting.
- Increase resources for safety-related infrastructure improvements as well as increasing school police to include full time presence on all middle school campuses.
- Ensure that every student has full access to education services without limitations due to race, gender, gender identity, religion, or disability.
- Provides support for victims, offenders, and witnesses involved in bullying incidents.