

Dear Washoe County School District Family,

Welcome to another week in our amazing district! I hope you are getting excited to start the school year as the first day is only three weeks away!

I had a great meeting on Friday with employees who attended my first staff input meeting, “Casual Conversations”. I received a lot of valuable feedback on what my priorities should be in the first three months of the school year and learned about many different perspectives. I hope that momentum will continue in our future meetings. The remaining meetings are all this week, including:

- Wednesday, July 24 — 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Sparks High School in the library (please enter from the east side of the building by the solar panels)
- Thursday, July 25 – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Damonte Ranch High School in the library
- Friday, July 26 – 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Matley Building, 1150 Matley Lane, in the Sierra Room (this meeting is to be focused on Central Services Departments, but everyone is welcome)

I also have made an online form available to allow employees to provide me with feedback. This is an excellent way to give input if you are unavailable to attend one of the meetings or would like to give your feedback anonymously. Please access the form [here](#).

Additionally, I am pleased to share with you the summary of the Listen and Learn sessions in which our Leadership Team members visited 55 school sites last year. The Office of Accountability has analyzed and synthesized that data and I’ve made it available to you today as an attachment. I hope you will have a chance to review the data.

Last week I had the chance to visit school repair projects, such as a new HVAC system at Dodson Elementary and a new roof at Reed High School. These projects will make a big difference to our students and staff.

Today I also toured the three new schools— Desert Skies Middle School, Sky Ranch Middle School, and Nick Poulakidas Elementary School— alongside some key community stakeholders. It was such an amazing experience to see these schools become a reality. I can’t wait to see the excitement of our students as they walk into the doors for the very first time!

Lastly, as promised, I have attached my weekly calendar to this email so that you will gain a better understanding of my priorities and, if you wish, can learn more about where I’m devoting my time.

Take care,

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