

Dear WCSD Family,

I hope you are settling into the school year and that you are excited about our work and our impact this year.

I am happy to share with you some updates of my "[pathway to positive progress plan](#)," which is moving along as I am already almost 70 days into the plan.

- First, I've published a [frequently asked questions page](#), which highlights many of the questions I've received along with the answers that I've provided to our staff and members of the community. I believe it's a great resource that will continue to grow as I get more questions. If you have a question you would like to submit, please email me!
- I've started a goodnews@washoeschools.net email address where anyone can submit news, photos or exciting things they would like to share with colleagues. For example, Shaw Principal Mike Gifford wanted to share that his school raised \$587.56 in one "miracle minute" last week! All funds were donated to the families of the Traner Middle School students who were injured in a car accident. This is a great act of generosity.
- As promised in my Pathway Plan, I'm working to share enrollment updates with you. As of Tuesday, Sept. 3, our fourth count day, the District's enrollment was 64,037, compared with 63,876 at this time last year.
- Also, I had some wonderful conversations with community members at two meetings last week. They asked thoughtful questions and provided meaningful feedback. There are still several chances to attend a meeting to provide me with your input, and you can of course email me or provide that anonymously [here](#). This will be the last week of the anonymous survey. However, there is a secondary survey available on our website [here](#) that does not come directly to me but is still anonymous.

Additional meetings include:

- Today, at 4:30 p.m., North Valleys High School (staff focus)
- Sept. 17, at noon at The Chamber of Commerce in the Basement (community focus)
- Sept. 17, at 5:30 p.m., at Reed High School in the library (staff focus)
- Sept. 18, at 5:30 p.m. at Wooster High School in the Career Center (community focus)
- Sept. 25, at 4 p.m. at Incline High School in the Theater (staff focus)
- Sept. 26, at 4:30 p.m. at Reno High School in the Library (staff focus)
- Oct. 21, at 6 p.m. Virtual Forum, details on how to login will be shared closer to the event (community focus)

As I mentioned to you last week, we are already heading into the budget process for the District's Fiscal Year 2020-21. Tomorrow, the Board will conduct its first work session, where Trustees will receive a preliminary estimate of how the most recent fiscal year ended and an early preview of trends for next fiscal year. The [work session agenda](#) and related [PowerPoint](#) are now posted if you'd like to learn more about the process. The meeting also will be [livestreamed here](#) and the video recording will be available the next day.

Additionally, I would like to remind you all that if we need to cancel school due to inclement weather or another emergency situation, we have contingency days built into this year's

calendar. Currently the last day of school is slated for June 5, however contingency days are available on June 8, 9, and 10.

Also, I'm excited to attend the Ribbon Cutting for Nick Poulakidas Elementary School on Thursday at 4 p.m. If you haven't seen the school yet, it's a great chance to come out and celebrate and tour the school in an "open house" fashion. We cut the ribbon for Sky Ranch Middle School last week and it was amazing to see such a wonderful community celebration for the first new school we've opened in more than a decade! The Ribbon Cutting ceremony for Desert Skies Middle School will be Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 2:30 p.m.

Take care,
Kristen