



NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



Preparing Learners Today for Tomorrow

Nevada CSD - School Improvement Advisory Committee

Date: March 4th, 2026

Time: 7:00-8:15pm

Location: **Central Elementary Commons**

*A regular meeting of the Nevada CSD School Improvement Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4th, at 7:00 pm, in the **Central Elementary Commons**

AGENDA:

1: Welcome/Introductions

- **NCSchool Board:** Tori Carsrud
- **NCSchool Faculty/Staff:** Kristian Einsweiler (parent), Tyler Struk (parent), Chris deNeui, Alycia Edson (parent), and Kody Asmus
- **NCSchool Parents/Guardians:** Kourtney Vier, Lyndsey DeVos, Jennifer Cornelius (parent), Rebecca Brandau, Kimberly Houston, and Kelly Elliott
- **NHS Students:** Cedar Smith, Jack Spence, Jaden Grimm, Aubrey Goodwin, Chloe Moffitt, and Giada Colbeck

2: Purpose of the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)

-(Per Iowa Code 280.12) -- *To serve in an advisory role and make recommendations to the board of directors regarding:*

- Major educational needs
- Student learning goals
- Long-range and annual improvement goals that include, but are not limited to, the state indicators that address reading, mathematics, and science achievement.
- Desired levels of student performance.
- Progress toward meeting the goals
- Harassment or bullying prevention goals, programs, training, and other initiatives.
- Infusing character education into the educational program

3: Building and Student Updates

- **Central Elementary:**
 - Transitioning from Bridges 2.0 to **Bridges 3.0** for math instruction
 - Interviewing candidates for several teaching openings
 - Winter FAST assessments completed
 - ISASP testing scheduled for this spring

- **Nevada Middle School:**
 - Winter FAST assessments upcoming
 - Grade-level experiences and field trips:
 - 5th Grade – Iowa Wolves event
 - 6th Grade – BizTown
 - 7th Grade – Civics Center
 - 8th Grade – Buddy partnership with Central Elementary students
 - Continued work with MTSS supports
- **Nevada High School:**
 - Professional development focus on MTSS and UDL
 - Students in the process of finalizing schedules for the 2026–27 school year
 - Spring activities underway
 - Fine Arts Festival coming up
- **Nevada High School Students:**
 - School musical this weekend: *The Little Mermaid*
 - Little Mermaid cast hosted a Power Breakfast at the elementary school
 - Spring activities in full swing
 - Winter activities recently wrapped up with successful seasons for many teams and individuals
 - Choir performances completed
 - Ongoing FCCLA and FFA activities

4: [2024-25 Bullying and Harassment Data](#) and Discussion

- *Reviewed the reporting and investigation process for bullying and harassment incidents*
- *Discussed how student situations are supported even when incidents are not formally identified as bullying/harassment*
- *Reviewed how incidents are tracked at each building*
- *Discussed character education programs implemented across buildings*

5: [Nevada CSD Career Ready Iowa Plan](#) and Discussion

- *Overview of middle school career exploration opportunities:*
 - *5th, 6th, and 7th grades focused on career exposure and exploration*
- *Discussed feedback on improving one-on-one meetings with school counselors and administrators*
- *Reviewed DMACC course options aligned with career interests and postsecondary plans*
- *Emphasized that students should select courses intentionally, not simply to fill schedules*
- *Plan to develop and share a structured agenda for junior and senior meetings*
- *Develop a Cub Connections lesson focused on completing scholarship applications for seniors*
- *Include foreign language requirements for college admissions in information shared with 8th graders to support course selection*
- *Continue providing career pathway exploration and postsecondary planning opportunities for students*

6: [Bridges 3.0 \(Elementary Math\) Purchase](#) and Discuss

- *Proposed transition from **Bridges 2.0** to **Bridges 3.0***
- *Goal is to improve instructional materials and teaching practices*
- *Intended to strengthen **student learning and achievement across all levels**, including:*
 - *Enrichment*

- *Grade-level instruction*
- *Intervention supports*

7: Other

- *None*

8: Identify Topics of Interest for the 2025-26 SIAC Committee

- Nevada CSD LAU Plan (June)
- NCS D 2025-26 Title I, IIA, and IVA Service Plan (June)
- 2025-26 Student Achievement Data (June)
- 2026-27 NCS D Student Achievement Goals (June)

9: Future Meeting Dates (7:00 - 8:15pm)

- June 17th, 2026 (Wednesday) -- Gates Hall Auditorium

LAUNCH:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has," by Margaret Mead