



## Legislative Update

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Dear Friend-

If you DO NOT want to receive these newsletters, please reply to this message and I'll be happy to remove you from the list.

### Helping Every Student Succeed in School

Nothing is more important to a student's success in school than the involvement of his or her family.

My daughter is grown now, but I remember fondly going to school events and meeting with her teachers over the years. It was always important to me to be involved in her education. In addition to raising a child in public schools, I also worked at a high school for several years and totally enjoyed interacting with students, teachers and administrators. I know how dedicated staff is and how important it is to them that parents remain engaged in their child's education.

I hear from parents all the time that they would like to get involved, but don't know where to start.

Below are several links with tips on how you can get involved and help your children or grandchildren succeed in school.

Here are a few that I think are particularly helpful---

Instill in your children a love of reading. Read to your younger children and take them to the library. Keep books around the house and let them see you reading.

Set aside a quiet place for homework without TV, music or cell phones. If possible, have a special "homework" time that is consistent every day.

Talk to your children about school every day-what they are learning, what they feel good about, their frustrations.

Attend Open House and other school events. Keep up with school activities on the school district website.

### Resources to Help You Get Involved

**Clark County School District**---You can find and track your students' grades and get information on how you can get involved in your children's or grandchildren's school by visiting [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net) and clicking on "Parents."

**Nevada State Parent Information and Resource Center (PIRC)**-PIRC's website has a wide variety of suggestions of activities parents and grandparents can do with their students. Their website is [www.nevadapirc.org](http://www.nevadapirc.org).

**Parent Teacher Association**-the National PTA has tips on helping students with homework, instilling a love for reading, and working with teachers to help your students succeed. Visit [www.PTA.org](http://www.PTA.org), click on "Topics" and then on "Student Success."

**US Department of Education**-For a series of online brochures on topics ranging from helping your students with science and math to getting prepared for college, visit [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov) and click on "Parents."

### New Legislation to Help You Participate in School

The 2009 Legislature enacted a new law requiring businesses with 50 or more employees to provide their employees up to four hours of unpaid leave a year to attend school activities or to volunteer in their children's school. For more information on how this law works, please visit [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us). Or, you can call or email me and I will send you a copy of the legislation.

### School Safety-Protecting Kids on the Way to School

Making sure our kids are safe as they go to and from school is critical. The Legislature enacted a law in 2007 that gives school police the authority to issue traffic citations around schools for speeding, double-parking and parking in "No Parking" zones.

If your children walk to school, be sure you have chosen the safest route. Make sure they do not deviate from this route.

### Contact Me

Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss any issues or concerns. My home phone number is 702-898-5579 and my email address is [kam15@msn.com](mailto:kam15@msn.com).

Sincerely,

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