

FOCUS on the FUTURE FOR KIDS

Community Input Process

Application for Focus on the Future for Kids Community Advisory Committee

Thank you for your interest in the “Focus on the Future for Kids” Community Input Review Process!

Focus on the Future for Kids is a community initiative that is gathering public input to create a shared, long-term vision for our Clark County School District (CCSD) schools, with the goal of using upcoming federal funds to launch that strategic vision.

The pandemic brought to the forefront the inequities that have plagued our system for decades. CCSD saw concerning trends in data related to student attendance, grades, and proficiency in English and math, where young people in all student groups made less progress than expected. And, unfortunately, initial data indicates the closure of school buildings and the limitations of virtual learning are only increasing the opportunity gap. In addition, our students experienced new and increased feelings of stress and isolation during the pandemic, which contributed to a significant rise in the need for mental health supports.

In July and August, CCSD will work with community groups to gather input on two questions:

1. What do we want to see in our Clark County School District (CCSD) schools?
2. How can we use upcoming federal funds to jumpstart our shared community vision for our schools?

A nimble, diverse group of committed stakeholders who represent a wide array of perspectives will be appointed by the Superintendent to help review and synthesize input provided by the community. This group will be engaged at critical junctures throughout the synthesis process from August 13 through September 10, and will work with the Superintendent and the Planning Team to share the final report with the community at large.

We ask that Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members be willing to commit at least 10 hours a week as we synthesize community input. A majority of that time would be flexible time to review input and data. There will also be two or three 60-minute group meetings each week at times that the members of the group mutually agree upon.

Proposed Composition

The Superintendent will identify and appoint three representatives from each of the three CCSD School Regions for a total of nine CAC members. Every effort will be made to include a variety of perspectives representing the diverse student population we serve, including students with unique and specific needs.

Appointment Process

All community residents who do not also hold a public office and are not employed by CCSD are eligible to apply to serve on the CAC. Input from CCSD employees will be gathered through an internal process.

The application will be made available on the CCSD website and via social media on July 13 and is due on July 26. Announcement of the Focus on the Future CAC members will be made on July 30.

Application Questions Include:

- Basic contact and demographic information
- Details about your role in education in Clark County
- Narrative questions to be answered in no more than 1000 characters, including:
 - What about the opportunity to join the Community Advisory Committee interests you?
 - What unique qualities, ideas and perspectives would you bring to the work of the team?
 - What is your viewpoint on the challenges that have been experienced by students from historically underserved communities? How do you think the pandemic affected these challenges?
 - Describe your experience working in collaborative teams of this nature? How do you work toward creating consensus in a group setting?
- Contact information for a community member who can serve as a reference for you, as well as a brief summary of why you selected that individual
- Any additional information you would like to include

Complete the application for the Focus on the Future for Kids Community Advisory Committee at future.ccsd.net or pick up a paper application at the CCSD Administrative Center, 5100 W. Sahara, Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.