

# FOCUS on the FUTURE FOR KIDS

Community Input Process

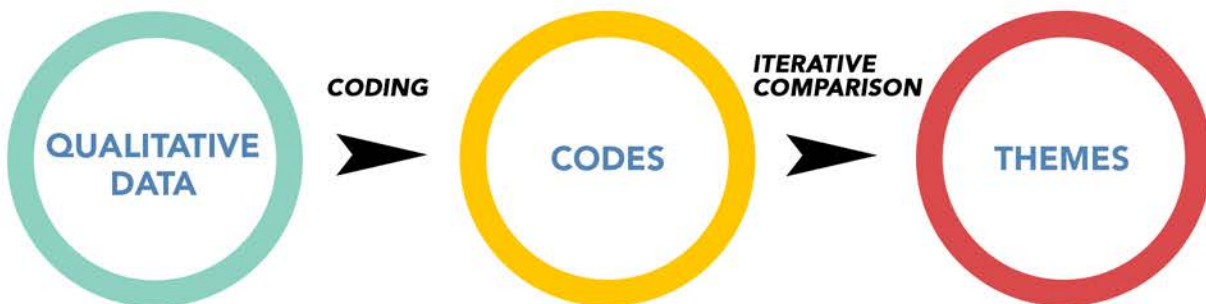
## Thank you for your interest in the “Focus on the Future for Kids” Community Input Review Process!

Focus on the Future for Kids is a community initiative that is gathering public input to answer 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?

This document provides more information on how we will synthesize the input we are receiving from community groups throughout Clark County, and turn that input into a community vision for our schools, as well as recommended funding priorities for American Rescue Plan funds.

As we gather and analyze community input received, we will utilize a process that looks for common key terms and themes that we hear from the community:



### Here's how it will work:

NOW THROUGH AUGUST 13

- Our community partners are gathering the people they serve, holding conversations, and filling out a common community input report that will provide high-level themes they heard from their community members about what they want to see in our schools, as well as ideas on how to utilize the federal funds to support that vision.

- Applications also will be issued for a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) that will help synthesize the community input received. Three community members from each CCSD Region will be selected, with a goal of convening a representative cross-section of our diverse community.

#### AUGUST 13 - AUGUST 31

- The Focus on the Future Planning Team - including leaders from CCSD, Opportunity 180, and The Public Education Foundation - will organize the high-level themes from these input reports to identify key terms that appear most frequently.
- The CAC will then review the Planning Team's work, and collaborate with the Planning Team to identify "codes," which are similar words and phrases used frequently by our community members when they provided input.
- The Planning Team will then review the codes to determine which ones were used most frequently, and the CAC will review the Planning Team's work.
- The CAC and the Planning Team will then organize the codes and high-level themes into "headlines," which will lead to themes that articulate a community vision.
  - The teams also will identify key terms that were not associated with a headline and articulate why they were not included in the final report.
- The Guinn Center will then serve as a third-party reviewer to ensure data was handled in a fair and transparent manner.
- Data and high-level themes will be presented to the Board of School Trustees
- CCSD leadership will ensure that the plan for spending federal funds is in alignment with the high-level themes and vision created by our community.

#### SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 7

- CCSD will provide its draft plan to the community on a shared community vision/utilizing federal funds. Input will be gathered online.

#### SEPTEMBER 10

- This is the deadline for CCSD to provide its plan for allocating federal funds to the Nevada Department of Education.

#### ONGOING

- The District will continue to report the progress on the federal funds to the community, including data indicating the effectiveness of those funds on meeting the community vision as articulated through the Focus on the Future for Kids community input process.

## How will the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) be selected?

A nimble, diverse group of committed stakeholders who represent a wide array of perspectives will be appointed by the Superintendent to participate in the community input review and synthesis process. This group will be engaged at critical junctures throughout the synthesis process.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We ask that CAC members be willing to commit **at least 10 hours a week** from August 13 through September 10 as we synthesize community input that has been provided and present high-level themes to the community. A majority of that time would be flexible time to review input and data. There will also be **two or three 60-minute mandatory group meetings each week at times that the members of the group mutually agree upon.** Additionally, as this is a collaborative process, we ask that all CAC members commit to participating in sharing our final report with the community at large once it is completed.

### Composition

The Superintendent will identify and appoint three representatives from each of the three CCSD School Regions for a total of nine Community Advisory Committee members. These individuals should represent a wide range of perspectives and viewpoints to ensure that the unique and specific needs of students are met.

### Appointment Process

All community residents who do not also hold a public office and are not currently employed by CCSD are eligible to apply to serve on the CAC. The application will be made available on the CCSD website and via social media on July 13 and is due on July 26. The application will include questions relevant to the applicant's experience with and perspectives on the school system. Announcement of the Focus on the Future CAC will be made on July 30.

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