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Dear Families.

One of the Clark County School District's top goals outlined in our strategic plan is to increase parent engagement to ensure parents are informed regarding their child's progress and feel welcome at school.

We understand concerns that parents have expressed regarding the implementation of Senate Bill 287, which was passed by the Nevada State Legislature in 2017. The bill requires all volunteers/representatives to be fingerprinted if they have "unsupervised OR regular contact with students."

After spending some time working with state officials, most school districts in Nevada have decided to define "regular" contact with students as anyone who volunteers or works around students at least four times a month. This is an effort to comply with the requirements of the law while acknowledging that some parents who infrequently volunteer with students should not need to be fingerprinted. Please note that a volunteer who has unsupervised contact even one time would also require the volunteer to go through the fingerprinting process.

If you would like to go through the fingerprinting process, the cost is \$60 and you can find instructions and the application at ccsd.net/protectourkids. You can also find more information and a link to Senate Bill 287 on that Web site.

Volunteers who qualify to be fingerprinted because they have either "unsupervised or regular contact with students" are also now mandatory reporters of child abuse under Senate Bill 287 and must be willing to assume that responsibility. In-depth information will be provided to those impacted.

Some parents have told us they are either unwilling or unable to pay for a fingerprinting/background check. We have set up an online survey where you can express your concerns at ccsd.net/protectourkids. We will take the results of this survey to legislators in the next session of the Nevada State Legislature in 2019 so they can see the impact of this law.

We are also looking for outside sources to help fundraise to cover the costs of fingerprinting for parents and other volunteers who cannot afford the \$60 fee. We will let our schools know if and when we are able to help parents who cannot afford to pay the fee to be fingerprinted.

If you have additional questions, please email HR_Assistance@interact.ccsd.net or call the Clark County School District Human Resources Division at 702-799-0008. We apologize for any inconvenience involved in this matter and thank all of the volunteers who give their time to our schools each and every day.

Sincerely,

Andre Long

Chief Human Resources Officer