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BOARDCAST E-NEWSLETTER

Dear John Doe,

A Word from the Board President Estela Gutierrez



Today is an exciting day for our students, parents, the Board of Trustees, our Superintendent and the employees of Washoe County School District. After months of listening to hundreds of parents, principals, teachers, business leaders and community members, we are launching ***Envision WCSD 2015—Investing in Our Future***, our strategic plan for the next five years.

Envision WCSD 2015 is a pathway to graduation, college and highly-skilled careers for every one of our 63,000 students. The plan details specific targets for performance and innovative programs and practices that will help us to achieve our ambitious goals. Students who are excelling will be challenged to extend their knowledge and students who need more help will receive timely help to get them back on the path to graduation.

We will also hold our schools accountable for these targets, but will ensure that they have the support and resources they require. The Board's Theory of Action or operating philosophy is called Managed Performance Empowerment (MPE). MPE is a continuum that allows schools that are performing well the opportunity to be more autonomous. On the other hand, schools that are not doing well will be more closely managed and

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supported so that all students in our district will receive a quality education.

Envision WCSD 2015 is not only our vision, but our promise that every child, by face and name, will graduate from Washoe County School District ready for college or a highly-skilled career. [Click here](#) for a full copy of the plan or for the parent-friendly version.

Estela Gutierrez
President

Hitting the Mark

Preliminary results from the Nevada Department of Education show that our District, as a whole, made Adequate Yearly Progress last year. This is a great accomplishment considering that just last year our District was placed on the watch list based on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). We know that AYP is not a perfect measure, and is in fact the minimum, but it is an indication that we are making progress and are on the path to helping all of our schools to be high achieving.

The results also revealed that all of our comprehensive high schools made AYP, and two schools that were in the 'In Need of Improvement' category just two years ago are now 'Turnaround High Achieving Schools.' Dunn Elementary School and Wooster High School should be celebrated for their efforts in achieving this status and ensuring that all students are making progress and are on the path to graduation.

For more information about this year's preliminary test results, [click here](#).
