

RESOLUTION 2021 - 001
Opposition to Legislative Changes – Appointed School Board Trustees

The Board of School Trustees of the Clark County School District (“Board”) hereby resolve the following:

WHEREAS, in 1981, the Nevada State Legislature established the current statutory provisions establishing the method by which the Board of School Trustees of the Clark County School District are chosen;

WHEREAS, in that legislation equal representation for the citizens of Clark County on the Board of School Trustees of the Clark County School District was established (see NRS 386.165) and the citizens of Clark County can determine the qualifications of each potential Trustee;

WHEREAS, the legislation also functionally established that each citizen in Clark County knows which Trustee is representing them and their children in the governance of the Clark County School District;

WHEREAS, the current members of the Board of School Trustees of the Clark County School District each represent approximately 278,750 citizens and their families;

WHEREAS, there have been legislative proposals that seek to change that representation by having other governmental entities appoint some of the Trustees and greatly increase the number of citizens represented by some of the Trustees that will run in four (4) very large districts (representing approximately 487,800 citizens);

WHEREAS, under the legislative proposals, members of other governmental entities will decide the qualifications the appointed Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY DECLARES THAT:

1. That the Board of School Trustees of the Clark County School District believe that in order to effectively represent the citizens of Clark County, representation must be equal in that it is possible with an appointed and elected Board of School Trustees that one portion of Clark County may obtain unequal representation, while leaving other portions of Clark County effectively under represented.
2. That the legislative proposals also will substantially dilute the influence of the citizens of Clark County in that the elected Trustees will be representing in excess of 200,000 more citizens as a result of the much larger districts.
3. That the Board of School Trustees of the Clark County School District believes that the citizens of Clark County should determine the qualifications of each Trustee, not another governmental entity.

4. That as a result of the foregoing, the Board of School Trustees of the Clark County School District resolves to oppose the proposed changes to the method that the Trustees are chosen to represent the citizens of Clark County.

APPROVED this _____ day of March, 2021

Linda P. Cavazos, President
Clark County School District
Board of Trustees

Evelyn Garcia Morales, Clerk
Clark County School District
Board of Trustees