



# MONTHLY NEWS

From the Desk of  
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## "Monthly Motivation"

"There is no failure. Only feedback."

**Robert Allen**



Teacher collaboration occurs when members of a learning community work together to increase student learning and achievement. If our ultimate destination as educators is student achievement, think of teacher collaboration as the journey.  
- *Schoolology*

## DECEMBER 2021

### Calendar of Events

- **December 2 – 4** Serpent Classic
- **December 10** – Stakeholder Engagement Meeting
- **December 10** – Hiring Fair
- **December 13** – Board Meeting
- **December 23 & 24** – Holiday Break (School District Closed)
- **December 25** – Christmas Day

### "Let the Games begin"

"GO Serpents! Boys and Girls Basketball Team"

### Admin Corner

- Admin Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues
- Leadership Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed



### Featured Employee of the Month

**Hope Blinco** – (HR/Payroll Clerk)



"The 7 Habits of **HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PEOPLE**" Steven Covey

#### Habit 1 – Be Proactive

REACTIVE LANGUAGE	PROACTIVE LANGUAGE
There is nothing I can do.	Let's look at our alternatives.
That's just the way I am.	I can choose a different approach.
He makes me so mad.	I control my own feelings.
They won't allow that.	I can create an effective presentation.
I have to do that.	I will choose an appropriate response.
I can't.	I choose.
I must.	I prefer.
If only.	I will.

### Social Emotional Support for Teachers and Students

I have been asked to be a member of a statewide workgroup who are drafting Social Emotional Learning (**SEL**) Standards for Nevada. Please share with me your ideas for inclusion and consideration.

**Stakeholder Engagement** – Thank you to everyone that joined and participated in our stakeholder conversation. Your input and ideas will continue to be heard, as this will be an on-going process for collaboration. It has been decided that engagement meetings will take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each Month at 7:00 pm. During the next meeting we will discuss ESSER III funding and we will share the top priorities from our previous meeting. For more information about ESSER III funding visit: [American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education](#)