

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill No:** SB 632

**49th Legislature, 1st Session, 2009**

**Short Title:** West Las Vegas Community Learning Center

**Sponsor(s):** Senator Phil Griego

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**Bill Summary:**

SB 632 makes an appropriation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) in the West Las Vegas Public Schools.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$250,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Public Education Department (PED) for FY 10.

Unexpended and unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

**Fiscal Issues:**

HB 3, as amended, includes \$3.3 million for after-school enrichment programs and 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC, following the FY 10 budget recommendations of the Legislative Education Study Committee, the Legislative Finance Committee, and the Executive. In addition, \$1.8 million of this appropriation is designated for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLCs statewide that in school year 2007-2008 or school year 2008-2009 are in their final year of eligibility for federal funding. As noted below, school year 2007-2008 is the final year of eligibility for West Las Vegas Public Schools; therefore, the district is eligible to apply for these funds.

The 2008 Legislature appropriated a total of \$3.6 million for school year 2008-2009 to support after-school enrichment programs statewide, including 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC.

According to PED, West Las Vegas Public Schools applied for federal 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funds for school year 2008-2009, but was not funded. The district previously had been awarded a five-year federal 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant. Yearly federal allocations were as follows:

- in 2003-2004: \$349,500;
- in 2004-2005: \$372,800;
- in 2005-2006: \$372,800;
- in 2006-2007: \$298,240;
- in 2007-2008: \$223,680; and
- in 2008-2009: \$88,392 approximate carryover available.

PED also reports that Tony Serna Jr. Elementary School in West Las Vegas Public Schools was awarded \$50,000 for the state after-school enrichment program for school year 2008-2009. In

addition, PED indicates that the district received the following state appropriations for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC

- in 2007-2008: \$73,589.00; and
- in 2008-2009: \$72,152.00.

To date, according to PED, West Las Vegas Public Schools has a remaining balance of \$72,152.00 in its 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC 2008-2009 state allocation.

**Issues:**

According to PED, the purpose of after-school programs is to:

- produce connections with individuals or activities that are healthy and supportive of positive growth and development of life skills;
- emphasize healthy relationships and behaviors so that students are less likely to engage in risk-related relationships and behaviors;
- promote relationships with supportive adults as well as positive peer-bonding opportunities within the school;
- provide extracurricular activities that appeal to different interests;
- support obesity prevention initiatives; and
- enhance school attendance, graduation rates, and student performance by helping to increase the number of students performing at grade level in math and reading.

**Background:**

According to PED, after-school programs can produce excellent economic returns by reducing dollars spent on school failure, crime, and health care costs. The annual costs of juvenile crime are in the billions if one considers the number of juvenile delinquents that enter a life of crime. In addition, this analysis continues, children and youths have become increasingly inactive and overweight. The health implications of this trend are long-term and extremely costly.

**Related Bills:**

- SB 96 Taos After-School Program*
- SB 168 Gadsden Community Education Center*
- SB 634 Mora Schools Community Learning Center*
- HB 80 Taos County After-School Program*
- HB 483 Mountainair After-School Learning Center*
- HB 514 Bernalillo Stay in School Program*
- HB 595 West Las Vegas School Enrichment Services*