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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Foundation Supports WNC Jump Start, Seeks Donations for Textbooks**

**Carson City, Nev. (May 10, 2021)** — The [Carson City Schools Foundation](#) (CCSF), in support of the Carson City School District, seeks community donors to match its efforts to ‘Sponsor a Student’ for the [Western Nevada College](#) (WNC) Jump Start College program. From now through June 30, 2021, the foundation is supporting and will match community sponsorships up to \$6,250 total to help make up the cost of textbooks and materials for the up-coming school year.

The [Jump Start College program](#) is a dual-enrollment opportunity for high school students to experience college courses through WNC while simultaneously earning high school credits. Jump Start College participants are able to complete up to 60 college credits through WNC, often earning them an associate’s degree around the same time they earn their high school diploma. Earning an associate’s degree while simultaneously graduating from high school helps participants save nearly two years’ worth of money in college tuition.

The grant funding for the joint program with WNC was canceled earlier this year. The Carson City School District plans to continue to support the program through the Distributive Student Account (DSA) as part of its commitment to College and Career Ready curriculum, but this support did not include the cost of books and materials.

The approximate cost for Jump Start College materials for the projected enrollment of 125 students is expected to be \$12,500 or \$100 per student. The Foundation has committed funds for half of the amount and is looking for community support in donations to match their commitment. If the foundation exceeds the total amount needed for Jump Start, additional funds raised and donated by the community will be added to other grant programs including Department and Individual Student grants and the foundation’s popular [Mini-Grant program](#), which supports teachers and staff with funding for creative, educational projects traditional funding sources may not reach.

“We have a very generous community here in Carson City, and I know there are many businesses and community partners that would be more than willing to assist the Carson City Schools Foundation in supporting this effort,” Steven Reynolds, chairperson of the CCSF Board, said. “What I’ve found though, is many are unaware of specific needs such as these.”

To make a contribution to help ‘Sponsor a Student’ for the Jump Start College program, please [click here](#). For more information about the Carson City School’s Foundation, visit [ccschoolsfoundation.org](http://ccschoolsfoundation.org).

CCSF is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting community involvement and investment in the public schools of Carson City. This project is one of the many results of the [“Empower Carson City 2022” Strategic Plan](#) – a five-year strategic plan for extraordinary schools built by the community of Carson City.

CCSF was created to increase student achievement through philanthropic investment and involvement. Established by the Carson City School District’s Board of Trustees, the foundation promotes education programs that traditional funding sources may not be able to reach.

For more information about the CCSF, please visit [ccschoolsfoundation.org](https://ccschoolsfoundation.org). To make a contribution with your credit card, [click here](#), or you may also donate by sending a check to the Carson City Schools Foundation at P.O. Box 92, Carson City, Nevada 89702. To view an informational video, please [click here](#).

### **ABOUT Carson City School District**

Located in Nevada’s capital, Carson City School District offers public education to approximately 7,800 students throughout Carson City. The district includes 6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 1 alternative high school and 1 comprehensive high school. Carson City School District boasts many successes including impressive graduation rates, strict safety measures, programs for gifted students and advanced-placement classes, among several others. In a joint venture with Western Nevada College, the Carson City School District Jump Start College program allows students to complete their senior year of high school and freshman year of college simultaneously. For more information, visit [carsoncityschools.com](https://carsoncityschools.com).