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More jurisdictions' salary data, CCSD school-performance spreadsheet added to TransparentNevada

LAS VEGAS — Salary data for the 2011 calendar year for a dozen additional jurisdictions, plus a spreadsheet of the Clark County School District's School Performance Framework scores for 212 elementary schools is now available at TransparentNevada.com, a Nevada Policy Research Institute website that makes government data easily accessible to taxpayers.

New salary data for Boulder City, Elko County, Henderson Library District, Humboldt County School District, Lander County, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, Lyon County, Nye County, Reno Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Health District, Storey County and White Pine County School District are now on TransparentNevada.com.

“The information on TransparentNevada allows Nevada’s citizens, members of the media and policymakers to easily access information important for public policy discussions,” said Andy Matthews, NPRI president. “For years, citizens and media members have sought salary information for many of the state’s smaller jurisdictions. We’re now happy to provide that data, including four agencies for the first time.

“Even though these are smaller jurisdictions, some of the salaries are remarkably large,” said Matthews. “For instance, the executive director of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District made over \$212,000 in 2011 — with a base salary of \$163,337, almost \$20,000 higher than that of Governor Brian Sandoval.”

Matthews noted that the chief health officer at the Southern Nevada Health District received over \$300,000 in total compensation, while the base salaries of the city manager of Boulder City and the executive director of the Reno Housing Authority both exceeded that of the governor — with total compensation over \$205,000 and \$192,000, respectively.

“While outrageous salaries of city and county workers have received much attention, it’s worth remembering that smaller, lower-profile government agencies also frequently approve exorbitant pay scales,” Matthews said.

Matthews added that, for anyone looking to investigate and compare the performance of public elementary schools in Clark County, TransparentNevada's School Performance Framework feature will be an invaluable resource.

“After [stating](#) that scores from individual schools would not be made available, CCSD reversed course and released those scores — but in the form of individual-school [PDF documents](#) that make comparisons difficult,” observed Matthews.

“Nevertheless,” he said, “TransparentNevada is now making all that information available in spreadsheet form, downloadable from [TransparentNevada.com](#).”

Containing an enormous amount of data, the spreadsheets will allow parents and researchers to truly compare schools — and even study the School Performance Framework itself.

NPRI's president noted that despite the school district's stated support for transparency, it had rebuffed TransparentNevada's requests, under Nevada public-records law, for the records from which the PDFs were created.

Matthews complimented NPRI's Eric Davis for the ingenious programming that translated the district's PDFs into the publicly searchable spreadsheet.

The spreadsheet is available at <http://transparentnevada.com/static/2012-SPF.xls>.

TransparentNevada, on the Web at <http://TransparentNevada.com>, was first launched in September 2008 and has served as a unique source of government-financing information for thousands of citizens, journalists and elected officials.

Matthews said that the site will be adding salary data from even more jurisdictions and spreadsheets with CCSD middle and high schools' SPF data in coming weeks.

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