



Title IA: Title I Notification Letter

October 26, 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you about important information regarding your child's school and to detail the protocol for measuring the academic performance of public schools in Nevada. The Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) is a critical part of the Education Performance System and utilizes a five-star classification system. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, school accountability designations from the 2018 – 2019 were held over through the 2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 school years. For 2021 – 2022, new index scores have been calculated but star ratings were not issued.

In December 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law. Highlights of ESSA include holding all students to high academic standards and ensuring that the lowest-performing schools are provided the appropriate supports for school improvement. Information is provided below about our school.

School Specific Information

Strong Start Academy Elementary School has received an index score of 95 based on the data from the previous school year. Our school has not yet received a star-rating because this is based on state-mandated assessments required for 3rd grade and above, and our school only offered K-2nd grade last year.

School Specific Actions

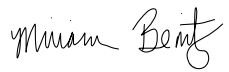
Strong Start Academy is using allocated Title I funding to ensure students have access to high-quality, supplemental resources and materials, provide teachers with professional development opportunities, and compensate teachers for working outside of their contractual time. Specifically, the funding was used to purchase:

- Dreambox - an adaptive, online math program to ensure students, at every level, stay motivated and receive differentiated instruction
- BrainPop Jr. - online learning resources to help students make meaning of academic content
- Mystery Science - a supplemental instructional online Science program that provides teachers with engaging videos and hands-on materials
- Imagine Learning - engaging online learning experiences to help students master language and literacy skills in English and Spanish
- Hand2Mind - math manipulatives that align to the core iReady math curriculum to provide students the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning to develop a deep understanding of mathematical concepts
- STEM Kits - kits to provide hands-on learning experience in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics which will help develop a variety of skill sets, such as: collaboration skills, communication, flexibility and initiative, problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, curiosity, decision making, and leadership skills

For more information about the resources, specific strategies, and tailored school goals, please review the School Performance Plan on your school's website. Additionally, you may contact Miriam Benitez at (702) 463-0222.

Lastly, parent and family engagement is critical to your child's success. You are welcome and encouraged to become involved in the academic progress of your child's school. Please visit your child's school for information about parent and family engagement opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miriam Benitez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Miriam Benitez
Executive Director