



Title I Notification Letter: No Designation

10/13/2026

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you about important information regarding your child's school and to explain the school's **Non-Designated (ND) status** under Nevada's accountability system. The Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) is a critical component of Nevada's Education Performance System and utilizes a five-star classification system to evaluate school performance. In accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), states identify schools for additional support based on student performance. Nevada identifies schools for More Rigorous Interventions (MRI), Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), and Non-Designated (ND) status. The State uses results from the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) to identify schools requiring additional support.

Non-Designated (ND) Entrance and Exit Criteria

Schools are identified as Non-Designated (ND) 1- and 2-Star schools when they earn an overall Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) Index Score below 50 points, resulting in an overall school rating of one or two stars, but do not meet the criteria for More Rigorous Interventions (MRI), Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI), or Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI). To exit Non-Designated (ND) 1- and 2-Star status, a school must either earn an overall NSPF Index Score of 50 points or higher or become identified for another federal school improvement designation (MRI, CSI, ATSI, or TSI) based on Nevada's accountability criteria.

School Specific Information

Strong Start Academy has received an index score of 97 based on the data from the previous school year. Our school received 5 stars in the previous school year. Our school has been designated as a Non-Designated (ND) school beginning in 2025-2026. As an ND school, we will continue implementing our School Improvement Plan (SIP) while receiving additional support and monitoring from the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) and the Nevada Department of Education (NDE). This school will receive increased levels of support, which may include:

- Professional development to strengthen instructional practices.
- Teacher and administrative coaching and mentoring.
- Assistance identifying priority areas and implementing evidence-based improvement strategies.
- Ongoing monitoring of student achievement and school improvement efforts.
- Continued collaboration with SPCSA and NDE to support school improvement.

School Specific Actions

Strong Start Academy is using Title I funding to support the implementation of its School Improvement Plan (SIP) and address the needs identified through its Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA). The funding is used to ensure students have access to high-quality, supplemental resources and materials, and provide teachers with professional development opportunities. Specifically, the funding was used to purchase:

- Academic intervention programs
- Evidence-based curriculum and instructional materials

- Supplemental instructional web-based programs and resources
- Professional development

Parents and guardians are encouraged to partner with the school throughout the improvement process. By working together, we can support student success and create positive outcomes for all students. For more information about our school's improvement efforts, specific strategies, and school goals, please review our **School Improvement Plan (SIP)** on our school's website. Additionally, our school's rating report is available through the **Nevada Report Card** website at: nevadareportcard.nv.gov. If you have questions regarding our school's designation or improvement efforts, please contact **Miriam Benitez at (702) 463-0222** and/or mbenitez@clvstrongstartes.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miriam Benitez".

Miriam Benitez
Executive Director