# ON THE FastTrack

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## MONTHLY UPDATE:

As we celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we take a moment to celebrate Superintendent Jhone M. Ebert who has made history as the first Asian-American to hold this position within Clark County School District. In this issue, we will also reflect on and honor the remarkable growth our dedicated mentors have fostered in our mentees throughout this school year. Their hard work and guidance have truly made a difference, and we encourage everyone to take full advantage of the upcoming summer break to relax and recharge.

While leisure is crucial for personal well-being, this summer also presents an excellent opportunity to prepare for the Praxis exams, an important step in advancing your teaching career. Embrace this time as an investment in your future. Remember the profound words of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, a Hawaiian royal and philanthropist: "He who takes his teachings and applies them increases his knowledge." This quote serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of not only acquiring knowledge but also actively applying it to grow and succeed.

We are excited to celebrate our dedicated mentors at our first-ever Mentor Mixer, taking place on May 21st at Las Vegas Brewing Company. This event will be a wonderful opportunity for mentors, mentees, and supporters to connect, share experiences, and celebrate our collective achievements in a relaxed and enjoyable environment.

Furthermore, the Teacher FastTrack Team will be utilizing the summer months to thoughtfully prepare for the upcoming school year, focusing on strengthening our mentoring connections and enhancing the support we provide. We invite you to reach out with any suggestions or ideas you may have as we strive to create a more impactful and enriching program for everyone involved.

**100%** of TFT Recruit mentees established career-based goals to work toward this school year.

**88%** of TFT Recruit Mentees expressed satisfaction with their mentoring connection.

TFT Recruit mentees connected with their mentors for an average of **1.5 hours** per month.

**83%** of TFT Recruit Mentees reported being satisfied with the support provided by the Teacher FastTrack Team.

***this information is reflective of participants during the 2024-2025 academic year**

## CELEBRATING SUPERINTENDENT JHONE EBERT: A TRAILBLAZER FOR EDUCATION IN CLARK COUNTY

In honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Month, we proudly celebrate the historic appointment of Jhone Ebert as Clark County School District's first Superintendent of Asian descent. With over 20 years dedicated to education, beginning her career within CCSD, Superintendent Ebert has tirelessly worked to uplift the learning experiences of all students.

A fierce advocate for equitable access to education, Ebert believes that "school can and should work for all students — especially those facing the steepest climb." Her unwavering commitment to inclusivity and support for every learner makes her a true inspiration to students and educators throughout Southern Nevada.

Her remarkable impact is echoed by Grant Havevold, Chief Education Officer at the Public Education Foundation, who states, "Having worked alongside Superintendent Ebert for nearly two decades, I've witnessed firsthand the vision, integrity, and deep commitment to students that defines her leadership. CCSD is gaining a superintendent who not only understands the challenges we face but leads with purpose, collaboration, and a relentless belief in what's possible for every child."

As the Teacher FastTrack Team and our partners at the Public Education Foundation join forces with Superintendent Ebert, we eagerly embrace her vision for transforming CCSD into a destination district for students, families, and educators. Her leadership journey will undoubtedly inspire many and illuminate the path toward a brighter future in education.

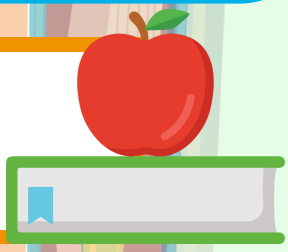
PEF Teacher FastTrack

***Teacher FastTrack Recruit*** *addresses the teacher shortage crisis by helping to identify school employees who dream of becoming a licensed teacher and providing invaluable wrap-around support while they complete UNLV's Rebel Start Academy. We also mentor hundreds of new teachers during the first three years in their own classrooms through our Teacher FastTrack Retain program.*

# Reflections on the Teacher FastTrack Recruit Experience

*"It's incredibly rewarding to be someone they can turn to—not just for advice, but for encouragement, understanding, and perspective. I've been in their shoes, juggling coursework, work, and personal responsibilities, so being able to share what I've learned and help them feel less alone is truly meaningful. Watching my mentees grow in confidence and knowing I played a small role in their success is one of the most fulfilling parts of the experience."*
-Miriam Calderon (Mentor)

*"It has helped me develop practical teaching skills and confidence in the classroom. Through hands-on experience, mentorship, and support, I've become more effective at lesson planning, classroom management, and student engagement, preparing me for a successful teaching career and enhancing my ability to support diverse learners."*
-MOULAY ABDELHAKIM ABOUKAMAL (Mentee)



*"What I find most valuable about being a mentor in the Teacher FastTrack program is the chance to collaborate with my mentees by helping them set goals and checking in on their progress. I also value being able to share realistic and positive experiences from my own teaching journey like practical strategies for lesson planning and classroom management. It's fulfilling to offer support that feels relevant and encouraging, and to see them become more eager and inspired to teach"*
-Raymaelyn Valente (Mentor)

# Praxis Support Over the Summer

**As the upcoming break approaches, seize the opportunity to prepare for the Praxis exams. Dedicating this time to study and review key concepts covered in these exams can support you on your path to licensure. Taking time to prepare over the summer can boost your confidence and empower you to excel on exam day. Embrace this moment to shape your future!**

- Ensure that you have reviewed the Praxis Preparation and Support Milestone in Your Mentoring Connection Plan.
- Ensure you have met with your mentor before the end of the month to finalize your Praxis Timeline
- Register for your Praxis Exam(s) far enough in advance to take full advantage of your complimentary 120-day access to Study.com's preparation materials
- Submit your request for access to the preparation materials and reimbursement for your exam fees
- Exam Codes: Reading (5713) Writing (5723) Math (5733)
- Schedule time over the upcoming Summer break to study for your exams using Study.com's preparation materials

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