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School enrollment finally leveling?

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Enrollment in Douglas County schools is holding steadier than in years past, according to District Chief Financial Officer Holly Luna.

"The biggest thing to articulate, not that one year makes a trend, is that we held a steadier population this year with only a 1 percent de-

7,250
7,000
6,750
6,500
6,250

DOUGLAS STUDENT ENROLLMENT

2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

Source: Douglas County School District

cline," Luna said Tuesday "That's stability we want to see in enrollment."

Total enrollment this fall reached 6,273 students, down 69 students from 6,342 last year, or roughly a 1.1 percent decline.

While building the 2011-12 budget last spring, Luna projected a total enrollment of 6,222 students

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Shannon Litz

Larry Porter talks about the changes to the bus routes while his son, Buddy, listens on Wednesday at the meeting at Silver Strike Lanes.

Regular Ranchos bus service returns

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The Honeymooners' archetypal bus driver Ralph Kramden would approve of the venue for Wednesday's public meeting on changes to Douglas County's mass transit system.

Five riders gathered at Silver

Strike Bowling Lanes to hear how the county's system and BlueGo, which serves regional customers, are joining to provide regular service from the Gardnerville Ranchos to Carson City and Stateline.

Senior Center Director Travis Lee said he wanted to hold a meeting in the Ranchos, which will see restored Douglas Area Rural Transit scheduled service beginning Oct. 10.

"When we had to cut service three years ago, this was one of my priorities," he said.

Under the new DART Express

service, a bus will leave the Tillman Center six times a day, with stops at Carson Valley Medical Center, Gardnerville's grocery store row, Lampe Park, the Carson Valley Senior Center, Carson Valley Inn, the Douglas County Public Library and Carson Valley Swim Center.

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