

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT Media Advisory

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CCSD school nurses to receive expert support Caring partnerships promote health and wellness

LAS VEGAS – Supportive care is available throughout the school year to more than 300,000 Clark County District (CCSD) students. Whether a student needs ongoing medication administration, or support for a couple of days, CCSD staff will provide the support needed to maintain student health and wellness.

In partnership with the Cleveland Clinic Civic Education Initiative, and the Department of Pharmacy, students' health can now be managed with the aid of the clinic's expert pharmacy department.

"Partnerships with community and business create support where it is needed; the health of our students is a priority and we are pleased to be working with the Lou Ruvo Cleveland Clinic. Our goal is to provide school nurses with the tools they need to continue to do their jobs well, and this partnership is one of those tools," said Kim Wooden, chief student services officer, of CCSD's Student Support Services Division.

School nurses will be able to use the free professional pharmacy help line as a valuable resource to consult with pharmacists regarding student medication management. Students who need to take medicine at school are cared for by school nurses and staff. This access is easy to use and provides a one-stop resource while maintaining student privacy.

"This is a great opportunity for us to further extend our services to the Las Vegas community," said Rosalind Strickland, Senior Director of the Office of Civic Education Initiatives, which created the RxPERT[™] program in collaboration with Cleveland Clinic's Department of Pharmacy.

Information can often be found online, at www.ccsd.net and at the Cleveland Clinic, www.clevelandclinic.org/civiceducation/RxPERT.asp.

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