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### **CCSD announces "Franchise Model" pilot program**

*Model includes principals duplicating their successful programs in other schools*

**LAS VEGAS** – In an effort to duplicate successful programs in schools, the Clark County School District (CCSD) has launched a "Franchise School" pilot proposal program to begin in the 2015-16 school year, CCSD Chief Student Achievement Officer Mike Barton announced today.

As part of the Franchise model, a successful principal who has demonstrated academic growth and achievement will supervise an additional school using the same or similar practices that have led to their success while continuing to supervise their original or "flagship" school.

"Our philosophy at the school district is to bolster best practices to other campuses through expanded leadership opportunities," said Chief Student Achievement Officer Mike Barton. "While this is a pilot program, we are very hopeful and confident about the success of the model and its continued growth."

The pilot program will launch with Walter Bracken Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math (STEAM) Academy Principal Katie Decker who will concurrently lead Walter V. Long Elementary School, while Dr. C. Owen Roundy Elementary School Principal John Haynal will lead Vegas Verdes Elementary School.

Under the leadership of Principal Haynal, Roundy Elementary was able to go from a 2-Star School to a 4-Star School in just two years. Due to his success, Mr. Haynal was recently recognized for his outstanding leadership by the Nevada Association of School Boards. In addition, he will be one of the primary presenters for the 2015 Mega Conference this April in Lake Tahoe and will speak on closing achievement gaps for all students.

The Walter Bracken STEAM Academy has a 2013 National Blue Ribbon award-winning program that is ranked among the top five percent of all elementary schools in CCSD. Bracken has been recognized as a top award-winning program for eight years by Magnet Schools of America, and Principal Decker has been invited to speak at Magnet Schools of America for the past 11 years. She was also one of a few select principals in the nation to be invited to speak with Arne Duncan, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, where she also participated in a discussion about best practices in education.

"It's exciting to be part of a new pilot program and helping the district apply its pillars of duplicating successful models," said Principal Decker. "I look forward to taking on this added challenge and

applying my knowledge and skills at my new school.”

In order to be included in the Franchise model, the added school will have to be considered as an underperforming school and will have to be in close proximity to the flagship school. Franchise principals will have the opportunity to hire and mentor the assistant principals at the flagship and Franchise Schools.

“It is an honor to have the pilot program launch in Trustee District D,” said CCSD School Board Trustee Kevin L. Child. “I have been able to see the accomplishments these principals have had in their respective schools and I am confident that their Franchise Schools will also benefit from their leadership.”

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