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**CCSD middle school students honored on May 23, “Do the Write Thing”
to help stop bullying**

Ambassadors will be named to represent CCSD in Washington, D.C.

WHAT: Clark County School District (CCSD) students who participated in this year’s “Do the Write Thing” essay contest will be honored at a reception on May 23. The national “Do the Write Thing” program challenges students to reduce violence and its impact on their lives. Through original essays, seventh- and eighth-grade students share real-life situations, pose possible causes of community violence and bullying and propose solutions for the community.

More than 1,200 CCSD students submitted essays this year. A panel of local community members selected the top male and female finalists from each participating middle school, and the finalists participated in interviews about youth violence and bullying.

The top two writers from CCSD will be announced at the awards ceremony and will travel to Washington, D.C., in July to be recognized as the ambassadors from Nevada. Program sponsors include the Kuwait-America Foundation, Marriott International, Southwest Airlines, Wells Fargo Bank, HSBC Bank Nevada and McKinney-James and Associates, in conjunction with the CCSD School-Community Partnership Program.

WHO: The event will recognize 34 students and 20 teachers from 18 middle/junior high schools:

Earnest Becker Middle School	Justice Myron Leavitt Middle School
B. Mahlon Brown Junior High School	Jerome Mack Middle School
Lyal Burkholder Middle School	Jack & Terry Mannion Middle School
Lawrence & Heidi Canarelli Middle School	Irwin & Susan Molasky Jr. High School
Edmundo Escobedo Sr. Middle School	Anthony Saville Middle School
Elton M. Garrett Junior High School	Jack Lund Schofield Middle School
Frank F. Garside Junior High School	Charles Silvestri Junior High School
Barbara & Hank Greenspun Jr. High School	Theron L. Swainston Middle School
Walter Johnson Middle School	Del E. Webb Middle School

DATE: Wednesday, May 23, 2012

TIME: 5:30 – 7 p.m.

PLACE: Texas Station Hotel and Casino, Dallas Ballroom
2101 Star Lane
North Las Vegas, NV 89030

Editor’s note: The event is not open to the public, but media may attend. The on-site contact is CCSD School-Community Partnership Assistant Director Beverly Mason, (702) 630-1090.

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