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Superintendent Skorkowsky challenges community to join him in taking “Pledge of Achievement”

Plan outlines focus areas and budget alignment

LAS VEGAS – Clark County School District (CCSD) Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky today delivered his first State of the District address at Del Sol High School. He unveiled the "Pledge of Achievement," a strategic vision for the district, before an audience of educators, students and community leaders. Superintendent Skorkowsky gave a closer look at the district's growth and student achievement gains, while mapping out a plan for continued improvement.

After almost one year of work and 33 public meetings, this next-level vision is informed by the collaborative work of business and civic leaders, parents, teachers, and principals throughout Clark County. District leaders captured hundreds of hours of input from the community, and more than 3,000 individuals contributed their feedback on what must be accomplished to prepare every student in the nation's fifth-largest school district for success.

"This collaborative work is a sign that our community is coming together in ways that are necessary for positive change," Skorkowsky said. "This is 'our' school district, I want the community to see this as 'our' vision for the future. We are all in this together and we all have a stake in a successful outcome for every student in every classroom. We can't do this alone. We challenge the community to join us in taking the 'Pledge of Achievement' so they can learn more how to help."

The result of this community collaboration is a document that broadly identifies what every member of the community can expect from CCSD schools. The Pledge of Achievement promises that the district will focus all efforts on promoting student success:

Initiatives for student success (full plan can be found at pledgeofachievement.com)

Program-based budgeting
Re-envisioning professional development
English Language Acquisition for all students
Investing in parent/community engagement and customer service
Early literacy emphasis
Assessment and grading reform
Value/Return on Investment

Over the coming months, detailed measures of targets for student achievement will be posted. Data dashboards will make it easy for the community to gauge progress and help. Community members can learn more by taking the Pledge of Achievement at pledgeofachievement.com.

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