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### **CCSD announces two additional schools to enter Turnaround Zone**

*Matt Kelly and H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary Schools to start Turnaround Zone Transition*

**LAS VEGAS** – Clark County School District (CCSD) Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky announced the addition of Matt Kelly and H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary Schools to the Turnaround Zone. The recommendation to the superintendent was made by a CCSD staff and community review committee led by CCSD Board of School Trustees President Dr. Linda E. Young and education leader Dr. Robert L. Green.

"We are encouraged by these additional educational opportunities that will be made available to Matt Kelly and H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary Schools under the Turnaround Zone model," said Dr. Young. "Schools in our Turnaround Zone have seen improved academic success, classroom and school growth, and have made effective instructional strategies for students. I look forward to seeing that same educational achievement success for students and staff at these two schools."

Although they will be entering the Turnaround Zone, Kelly and Fitzgerald Elementary Schools will still be identified and connected to the Prime Six historical foundation and philosophy, school components and general Prime Six community.

Kelly and Fitzgerald Elementary Schools will join five other schools entering the Turnaround Zone at the start of the 2015-16 school year, however, the transitions for these two schools will begin immediately.

Schools in the Turnaround Zone get a new principal who also gets to bring in new teachers who fit their education approach and support their strategies for success. During the last year, 13 of the 14 schools in the Turnaround Zone have seen significant increases in math and reading proficiencies.

"The Turnaround Zone family of schools is happy to welcome two additional schools," said Assistant Chief Student Achievement Officer in charge of Turnaround Schools Dr. Jeff Geihs. "These two schools are an integral part of their Prime Six communities and we look forward to seeing the academic impact the Turnaround Zone model will have not just for students, but also for their parents, families and the community."

For more information on Turnaround Schools, visit

<http://static.ccsd.net/ccsd/content/ccsd-press/pdf/turnaround-schools-news-release-2-10-15.pdf>.

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