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CCSD announces 14 Zoom Schools to increase academic achievement at

campuses with a high percentage of English Language Learners

Free pre-kindergarten, individualized assistance for students among the benefits for schools participating in a unique pilot program

LAS VEGAS - Recognizing the unique and important needs of the community's English Language Learner (ELL) student population, the Clark County School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees is expected to approve 14 campuses as the inaugural Zoom Schools pilot program participants during today's board meeting. All Zoom Schools will receive additional resources, including free pre-kindergarten programs, expanded full-day kindergarten programs with smaller class sizes, free summer school offerings and Reading Skills Development Centers designed to provide students with unprecedented support in gaining key reading skills to unlock a world of understanding. The meeting will take place at 4 p.m. at the Edward A. Greer Education Center, 2832 E. Flamingo Rd.

The Zoom School pilot program is the end result of extensive research by state officials into intensive efforts to help ELL students. Governor Brian Sandoval identified English Language Learner programs as one of his top priorities and included money for ELL in his budget. Key legislative leaders from both parties agreed on the importance of supporting Nevada's ELL population and worked together during the 2013 legislative session to put the innovative Zoom Schools pilot program together and ensure available funding. The end result is an outstanding example of bi-partisan cooperation in which \$50 million in funding will be provided for Zoom Schools throughout the state, including \$39.4 million for efforts in CCSD. A bold and innovative approach, the pilot program begins an exciting chapter in Nevada's history in which the needs of thousands of at-risk students and schools will receive the tools they need to achieve at the highest level.

The 14 schools participating in the pilot program are:

- Arturo Cambeiro Elementary School
- Manuel J. Cortez Elementary School
- Lois Craig Elementary School
- Ollie Detwiler Elementary School
- Ruben Diaz Elementary School

- Fay Herron Elementary School
- Robert Lunt Elementary School
- Reynaldo Martinez Elementary School
- Paradise Elementary School
- Dean Petersen Elementary School
- Bertha Ronzone Elementary School
- Myrtle Tate Elementary School
- Rose Warren Elementary School
- Tom Williams Elementary School

Zoom Schools programs will begin August 26, 2013, at the start of the 2013-2014 school year. All of the 14 pilot program schools have unique needs that require additional resources to help students. Zoom Schools have the highest percentage of students who are limited English proficient and are the lowest performing academically. Additionally, the schools participating in the unique pilot program are in need of innovative programs to boost academic achievement. Zoom Schools will be monitored closely to ensure efforts effectively provide students with valuable individualized assistance and instructional time.

More information about Zoom Schools will be available at the District's website at www.CCSD.net once the schools participating in the program are formally approved by the Board of Trustees.

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** **For media planning purposes** - Additional information about the Zoom Schools pilot program will be available in the weeks leading to the start of the 2013-14 school year, scheduled to begin August 26. Members of the media will also have the opportunity to work closely with Zoom Schools and will be invited to a yet-to-be-announced launch event featuring staff, students and members of the community. More information about media opportunities will be made available in the coming weeks from the CCSD Communications Office.*

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