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“Celebration of Progress” honors the key role school buildings play in education

LAS VEGAS – Residents are invited to join representatives from the Clark County School District and local architects in celebrating the community’s newest schools at the 10th annual “Celebration of Progress” on Tuesday, October 14, at the Cashman Center. The event, which honors the important role buildings play in the educational process, begins at 3 p.m. The Cashman Center is located at 850 Las Vegas Blvd.

“Celebration of Progress” is sponsored by the Las Vegas chapter of the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI), a professional association whose sole mission is improving the places where children learn.

This year, Cox Communications Vice President of Public and Government Affairs and school namesake, Steve Schorr will be hosting the event. Superintendent Walt Rulffes and Mary Beth Scow, president of the CCSD Board of School Trustees, will provide keynote remarks. Models and renderings of all the new schools will be on display and students from Desert Oasis High School, Roy W. Martin Middle School and Dr. C. Owen Roundy Elementary School will be on hand for musical performances.

The Clark County School District has more than 310,000 students enrolled for the 2008-09 school year. This school district opened seven new schools this year, bringing its total to 347 schools located across more than 7,900 square miles.

For Associate Superintendent for Facilities Paul Gerner, the event offers the opportunity to recognize the many members of the community who help CCSD’s building program meet the needs of all Clark County students.

“We want to thank the community for funding a stable and predictable program to keep up with our massive growth. We also want to thank our architectural and construction partners,” said Gerner. “Without all of these crucial ingredients, this program would not be the superb and widely recognized success that it is.”

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