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CCSD Kicks Off the 5th Annual Math Proficiency Campaign

LAS VEGAS - Tuesday, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day but it has even greater significance for CCSD high school students. It is when all sophomores as well as non-proficient juniors and seniors are required to take the Nevada High School Proficiency Exam (NHSPE).

As of June 2008, Nevada is one of 23 states that require students to pass high school proficiency exams in order to graduate. In addition to the math exam, CCSD high school students also will take science, reading, and writing proficiency exams during the same week. The reading and math exams will take place on March 17, while the science and writing exams are set for March 18.

The math proficiency campaign includes posters in schools and businesses, letters to parents/guardians and an online video featuring a CCSD student. The campaign aims to maximize attendance for participating students on test day while ensuring their readiness for the exam.

Students are reminded they can prepare for the math portion of the test by utilizing a tutorial at mathtest.ccsd.net. In addition, free tutoring is available to students at their school and at local public libraries.

The No Child Left Behind Act utilizes the NHSPE to determine the school's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The law requires 95 percent participation on the test date. Schools not meeting this AYP indicator are labeled as "Needing Improvement."

Every single student counts on the exam. The school district urges parents/guardians to be aware of this important day and ensure their students attend school March 17.

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