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Democracy at its Finest: KidsVention Teaches Outside the Classroom ***More than 2,000 students and teachers attend event at Henderson Pavilion***

Las Vegas – On Friday, October 9, the Clark County School District (CCSD) School-Community Partnership Office with its partners Voices in Voting and Kids Voting Greater Las Vegas held the sixth annual KidsVention event, a culmination of the enhanced social studies curriculum for fifth- and seventh-graders. The program teaches students about the American political system and voting process. KidsVention featured mock debates, voting processes and results for each scenario, along with community speakers from CCSD, the City of Henderson, Voices in Voting and Kids Voting Greater Las Vegas, and entertainment by local composer George Dare and the Greenspun Middle School Madrigal Singers.

“KidsVention is an excellent opportunity for our students and teachers to take their learning out of the classroom and apply it to a close-to real world situation,” said Partnership Director Bridget Phillips. “To see democracy in action by our future global leaders is extremely rewarding.”

KidsVention attendees completed specialized teacher training and a voting curriculum, qualifying them for participation in this first-come, first-served approved field trip. Twenty elementary and middle schools attended the mini-political event (for a list of participating schools, see attached event program).

The following issues were used in the mock debates:

- If students should be required to learn a second language
- If the United States should end its use of the penny
- If middle- and high schools should randomly test their athletes for drug use

The event is sponsored and funded by the Kids Voting Greater Las Vegas, a nonpartisan organization working with schools and communities to enhance civics education and provide youth an authentic voting experience. For more information, visit www.ccsd.net/kidsvoting/.

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