



# CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS RELEASE

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## **Las Vegas Gives Back Donors Provide More than \$18 Million to CCSD Students**

**Las Vegas** – At its annual recognition event on Monday, October 26 at 7:30 a.m. at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino (3770 Las Vegas Blvd.), the Clark County School District School-Community Partnership Office staff will honor more than 700 businesses and organizations for their contributions.

In the last school year alone during the declining economic environment, donors provided more than \$18 million to the district, with both in-kind and financial donations. This year's Outstanding Corporation recipient is MGM Mirage for its more than \$700,000 in donations including services, in-kind and funding since 2006. Additional awards will be presented to other donors such as Silver State Schools Credit Union, Three Square and "I Can Hear," a student-developed program to fund hearing aids for students who cannot afford them.

MGM Mirage was an original sponsor of the Empowerment Schools program by partnering with Paul Culley Elementary. The Empowerment program provides greater autonomy to schools in allocating resources toward the specific needs of the schools' communities, and MGM Mirage's support of the program has expanded to six other schools. The MGM New York New York's commitment also extends to the Focus Schools Project, through the adopt-a-school program, by partnering with Gwendolyn Woolley Elementary School. Additionally, the firm supplied \$50,000 seed money for the Three Square Backpack for Kids program to feed students in-need. Furthermore, employees of MGM Mirage are serving as mentors to students.

Donors throughout the Partnership Program provide tangible items such as, but not limited to, food, shoes and office supplies. Additional donations include materials and programs that enhance the district's curriculum in various areas such as, but not limited to, tutoring and field trip support.

Sidebar: One of the programs facilitated by the School-Community Partnership Office is the Focus School Project. The program matches at-risk schools one-on-one with businesses, organizations and individuals to bring additional resources to at-risk schools. Currently, 21 of the 145 schools are in need of a partner. The Partnership Advisory Council, which includes business and community members, will announce the campaign launch to identify partners for the 21 schools within 30 days. For more information, visit [www.partnership.ccsd.net](http://www.partnership.ccsd.net).

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