

NAMING OF DISTRICT FACILITIES
CHARLOTTE AND JERRY KELLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On October 15, 2007, the School Name Committee considered recommendations of new school names for approval. It has been recommended that an elementary school be named for Charlotte and Jerry Keller.

Charlotte Keller earned her bachelors degree in learning disabilities with a focus on emotionally disabilities, and went on to obtain her masters degree as an educational diagnostician. She went on to worked with children in the Mendez Psychiatric Clinic in Tanyea, Florida, at the Wind River Indian Reservation in Riverton, Wyoming, in Arizona Baptist Children's Services, and finally in the Clark County School District where she worked for 19 years. Charlotte showed her commitment to the children of the community as a special education teacher, working to improve the lives of the children in her care.

Jerry Keller began his contributions to the community as a teenager, earning the Eagle Scout award. After earning his bachelors degree in Science and Education from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas he began his public service as a deputy sheriff for the Clark County Sheriff's Office in 1969. During his career with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Jerry was an innovator who implemented numerous programs to enhance the effectiveness of the department. Those programs include the Domestic Violence Unit, the Police Employees Assistance Program (PEAP), the Homeless Enforcement Liaison Program (HELP), Zero Weapons Zero Tolerance (Z²), and the Partners Against Violence and its Effects (PAVE).

Upon election to the office of the Sheriff in 1995, Sheriff Keller established the motto of "Partners with the Community," and worked to strengthen and maintain that community partnership. He opened area substations to the public, giving citizens access to their neighborhood police officers and opening the lines of communication with community members. Sheriff Keller began the Citizens' Police Academy and the Citizens' Youth Academy, empowering citizens with the knowledge of the inner workings of a police department.

Additional awards and recognitions for Jerry Keller's contributions include the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Community Achievement Award for Public Service and Circle of Excellence Award, the We Can, Inc., Chris Shaller Award for Commitment to Child Abuse Prevention, the UNLV Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award, the "Hope" Award from the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the John Penrith Award, and the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

It is recommended that if a school is to be named to honor Charlotte and Jerry Keller, that the school be named the Charlotte and Jerry Keller Elementary School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to name a school the Charlotte and Jerry Keller Elementary School, is recommended.