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**CCSD announces four new Turnaround Schools – three
successfully exit**

*Exiting schools show rapid increases in student achievement and
graduation rates*

LAS VEGAS – The Clark County School District (CCSD) has announced that Arturo Cambeiro Elementary School, Clyde C. Cox Elementary School, Tom Williams Elementary School and William E. Orr Middle School will join the district's Turnaround Zone beginning in the 2017-18 school year. Additionally, three schools prepare to successfully exit Turnaround status after demonstrating a substantial increase in student achievement and graduation rates.

Under the Turnaround Schools model, underperforming schools receive additional resources to place a renewed emphasis on student achievement and growth. New principals are assigned to take over Turnaround Schools and will have the opportunity to select their administrative team to assist with the implementation of the school's improvement plan. In addition to budget flexibility, each principal will have the opportunity to strategically staff their school by replacing 12-15 staff members. Turnaround Schools also receive additional funds to either extend instructional time or extend the contractual day to increase staff training and collaboration.

New principals for Cox Elementary School, Williams Elementary School and Orr Middle School will be announced in the coming weeks. The current principal at Cambeiro Elementary School will remain for the 2017-18 school year.

Cimarron-Memorial High School, Sunrise Mountain High School and Elizabeth Wilhelm Elementary School will be exiting Turnaround status after demonstrating increased academic achievement, better student attendance, a renewed sense of school pride, lower rate of incidents requiring student disciplinary action and higher graduation rates for the two high schools.

All three schools were designated as Turnaround Schools in the 2013-14 school year. Successful results include a 20.24 percent graduation rate increase at Cimarron-Memorial High School and a 27.84 percent graduation rate increase at Sunrise Mountain High School. As a result both of these high schools now exceed the state's average graduation rate of 73.55 percent. Wilhelm Elementary School saw an improvement in its assessments and school climate and climbed out of the list of underperforming schools based on the Nevada School Performance Framework. An additional review of all three schools' progress monitoring data showed continued student achievement and growth.

The new Turnaround Schools were carefully selected for this additional support by district officials after a review of Nevada School Performance Framework results, student proficiency data over the past three school years and the results of one-on-one interviews with staff members about the structures, functions, processes and climate at the schools.

"I am eager to begin work with the four newest schools entering the Turnaround Zone, and I'm so pleased with the impressive results the exiting schools have attained in a relatively short period of time," said CCSD School Associate Superintendent and supervisor of Turnaround Zone Schools Dr. Jeff Geihs. "I am confident that the structures and resources we have put in place, which have allowed schools to exit Turnaround status, will continue to successfully support the newly designated schools."

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