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## **CCSD schools named Nationally Certified Magnet Schools**

*Seven schools receive distinction after nine-month evaluation process*

**LAS VEGAS** – Clark County School District (CCSD) has proved once again that it has some of the best Magnet Schools in the country as they continue to excel and be recognized for their efforts by the national Magnet Schools of America (MSA) organization.

“We are extremely honored to be recognized by Magnet Schools of America once again for our commitment to offering high-quality programs to our students,” said CCSD Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky. “Having 23 of our schools recognized with merit awards from MSA for the 2016-17 school year was amazing, and this is yet a higher level of recognition that our staff, students and community can be proud of.”

The following schools have been named Nationally Certified Magnet Schools:

- Walter Bracken STEAM Academy
- Ed W. Clark High School
- Cashman Middle School
- East Career and Technical Academy
- Mabel Hoggard Math & Science Elementary School
- Northwest Career and Technical Academy
- Southwest Career and Technical Academy

These schools were among the first 55 schools in the nation to successfully complete a nine-month evaluation process and demonstrate through evidence, reflection, and strategic action that it has established the best practices entailed in the Magnet Schools Standards of Excellence.

Additionally, Walter Bracken STEAM Academy as well as East Career and Technical Academy were two of only 10 schools in the nation to become National Demonstration Schools.

“This is a huge honor for the schools that will serve as a national model for what a successful Magnet School should look like,” said CCSD Magnet Schools and Career and Technical Academies Director Gia Moore. “We’re proud to continue leading the way nationally with our outstanding Magnet programs, which are possible because of our

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dedicated staff, students and community.”

CCSD is a national leader in cultivating successful Magnet Schools. These prestigious honors follow the announcement last March that [23 CCSD Magnet Schools received Magnet Schools of America’s Merit Awards](#). According to MSA, the awards are given to Magnet Schools that show a commitment to high academic standards, curriculum innovation, promoting school diversity and closing achievement gaps, and the consistent delivery of high quality education services to all stakeholders.

MSA also selected Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky as its Superintendent of the Year for the 2016-17 school year. The award recognizes the important work in leadership within school districts to keep Magnet Schools a priority in the portfolio of school choice options.

These schools will be recognized during a ceremony held at the Magnet Schools of America’s 36<sup>th</sup> National Conference in Chicago, Illinois April 25-29, 2018.

For more information about CCSD Magnet Schools, [click here](#).

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