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**CCSD celebrates schools that achieved under updated, more rigorous
Star rating system**

*NSPF provides opportunities to recognize achievements and focus attention on areas
in need of improvement*

LAS VEGAS -- The Clark County School District (CCSD) Board of School Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Jesus F. Jara today celebrated that 94 schools attained a 4-Star or 5-Star ranking in the 2018 Nevada School Performance Framework released today -- despite more rigorous standards.

CCSD Board of School Trustees President Deanna Wright heralded the 46 5-Star schools, 48 4-Star schools and 44 schools that increased at least one Star from the 2017 results.

"We know there are pockets of excellence throughout CCSD, and today we want to celebrate the many educators who are exceeding standards to deliver first-class education to their students," Wright said.

The event was held at Addeliar Guy Elementary School in North Las Vegas, which increased from 2 Stars to 4 Stars.

This is the first time the state has implemented a new, more rigorous requirement under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) that caps points from schools with opportunity gaps, which are gaps in achievement between student subgroups.

The Star rankings of 12 CCSD schools were capped because of these new standards.

"Just as the Nevada School Performance Framework shines a spotlight on schools that are achieving, it also provides an opportunity to focus our efforts in areas where not all students are thriving," Jara said. "Our shared work is not complete until we establish excellence by providing rich and rigorous instruction to all students. I am extremely proud of our teachers, principals and students. Our team is committed to making CCSD #1 for Kids."

CCSD leaders also talked about the first Star ratings released in five years for high schools. All of CCSD's Career and Technical Academies achieved a 5-Star ranking, as well as CCSD's College of Southern Nevada High Schools.

The Nevada Department of Education, earlier this month, released Smarter Balanced math and English Language Arts (ELA) assessment results showing that CCSD [increased in 11 out of 12 categories](#) in 2017-18 and in all of the categories over the 2016-18 time span.

DISTRICT RECAP:

- In 2018, a total of 94 CCSD schools were ranked at the 4- or 5-Star levels
 - 38 elementary schools increased their Star rating
 - 79 elementary schools decreased their Star rating
 - Six middle schools increased their Star rating
 - 21 middle schools decreased their Star rating
- 12 schools rated as 4- or 5-Star were capped at 3 Stars due to the new Nevada designation, Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), which is based on opportunity gaps between subgroups of students

Elementary and Middle School Comparisons Year-to-Year:

- 44 schools increased their Star rating
- 96 schools decreased their Star rating
- 10 schools ranked at the 1-Star level last year improved their ranking by at least one Star
- 20 schools ranked at the 2-Star level last year improved their ranking by at least one Star
- 9 schools ranked at the 3-Star level last year improved their ranking by at least one Star
- 21 schools ranked at the 5-Star level last year, lost at least one Star this year

More information on the new High School performance framework:

- Academic Achievement is computed based on 11th grade ACT proficiency for ELA and Math, as well as the Nevada Science exam.
 - Science includes results for Grade 9 students who participated on the End of Course exam during the 2016-2017 school year, and Grade 10 students who participated on the Nevada Science exam in the 2017-2018 school year.
- Number of CCSD high schools, by Star level:
 - 5-Star – 13 schools
 - 4-Star – 10 schools
 - 3-Star – 19 schools
 - 2-Star – 10 schools
 - 1-Star – 5 schools

Some exemplary schools include:

- Explore Knowledge Elementary School increased from 3 to 5 Stars
- Roger D. Gehring Elementary School Academy of Science and Technology increased from 3 to 5 Stars
- C.V.T. Gilbert Elementary School increased from 2 to 4 Stars
- Addeliar D. Guy III Elementary School increased from 2 to 4 Stars
- Arturo Cambeiro Elementary School increased from 1 Star to 3 Stars

ABOUT THE NEVADA SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK:

The NSPF is a measurement tool that assigns points relative to specific levels of achievement, growth, English language proficiency, and school climate, with an overall scoring and rating system. Schools will be assigned an overall Star rating of 1–5 Stars, relative to total points earned, with total points possible between 1 and 100.

Changes to the NSPF for 2017-2018:

- Every subgroup of students has goals and needs to make improvements each year
- Chronic Absenteeism was updated to align with ESSA standards: impacts students enrolled for a minimum of 10 school days at their last school of record for 2017-2018 school year (previously 30 days)
- Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) Designations to ensure all students are achieving:
 - CSI: Schools with persistently low performing subgroups, and high schools with graduation rates below 67 percent. Schools that were “downward trending” (schools that were 2-Star schools in 2017 and earned a lower index score for 2018) are indicated as “CSI Notification”. All 1-Star schools are designated as CSI, and will remain in that designation for 3-years. This is considered Year 2 of CSI identification
 - TSI: Schools with consistently underperforming subgroups. Schools received a TSI Designation if they met the criteria for TSI subgroup identification in the Academic Achievement AND any two of the other federally recognized Indicators (Growth, WIDA and School Quality/Student Engagement). Schools identified as TSI in the designation year (and only in designation year), will not be more than 3-Stars, even if index points are for 4- or 5-Star.
 - Due to the NDE Policy Descriptors, schools who fall in both of these categories cannot achieve more than 3 Stars

Schools serving specialized populations will be evaluated using the Alternative Performance Framework (APF). The APF provides program evaluation for schools that offer services such as credit recovery, behavioral/continuation programs, serve adjudicated youth, or provide special education services to students with multiple or severe cognitive disabilities. The following schools’ APF information is also located on nevadareportcard.com.

Clark County School District schools eligible for reporting under the APF include:

- Burk Horizon/Southwest Sunset High School
- Cowan Academic Center
- Cowan Sunset Southeast High School
- Desert Rose High School
- Helen J. Stewart School
- John F. Miller School
- Juvenile Detention Center School

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- Miley Achievement Center
- Morris Sunset East High School
- Peterson Academic Center
- South Academic Center
- Spring Mountain Youth Camp
- Summit View Youth Correctional Center
- Variety School

Information on how schools receive points within each measure of the Nevada School Performance Framework is located in the School Rating Report on <http://nevadareportcard.com>.

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