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## **CCSD graduation rate surpasses 85 percent**

*Class of 2018 will set record with more than 21,000 students earning diplomas*

**LAS VEGAS** – The Clark County School District’s (CCSD) final graduation rate for the Class of 2018 is a record high 85.22 percent, an increase of 2 percentage points over the previous year, according to final data compiled by the Nevada Department of Education.

“This is a huge achievement by all teachers, support professionals and administrators from elementary to high school who have worked together to make CCSD #1 For Kids,” said Superintendent Dr. Jesus F. Jara. “While we celebrate this success of increasing the rate by 2 percentage points in one year, we are focusing all of our efforts to ensure all kids graduate ready for college and career.”

CCSD continues to make progress in improving its graduation rate. During the past eight years, the graduation rate has increased from 59.34 percent in 2011 to 85.22 percent in 2018. The increase in the graduation rate is also reflected in the number of graduates, as the Class of 2018 was CCSD’s largest ever, with 21,102 graduates.

School staff continuously work to ensure that all students have a rich and rigorous educational experience. For several years, school staff have provided each student with an individualized graduation plan. This has helped us better track our students and use strategies and interventions based on each student’s need, such as summer school opportunities and determining when students transfer successfully.

“Yet again, CCSD has set an all-time high graduation rate and that is cause for celebration,” said CCSD Board of School Trustees President Deanna L. Wright. “I am so proud of the extraordinary work happening in our schools daily, and the graduation rate is evidence of the hard work and dedication of all educators throughout CCSD.”

Twelve CCSD high schools posted a graduation rate over 98 percent, with nine achieving a 100 percent graduation rate, and they include:

- Advanced Technologies Academy
- College of Southern Nevada East
- College of Southern Nevada South
- College of Southern Nevada West

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- Las Vegas Academy of the Arts
- East Career and Technical Academy
- Northwest Career and Technical Academy
- Southeast Career and Technical Academy
- Southwest Career and Technical Academy
- Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy
- West Career and Technical Academy
- West Preparatory Institute School for Academic Excellence at Charles I. West

Additionally, 11 schools posted year-over-year gains in a graduation rate of five percent or greater including:

- Burk Horizon / Southwest Sunset High School
- Bonanza High School
- Chaparral High School
- Cowan Sunset Southeast High School
- Desert Oasis High School
- Desert Pines High School
- Desert Rose High School
- Global Community High School at Morris Hall
- Morris Sunset East High School
- Nevada Learning Academy at CCSD
- Spring Valley High School

CCSD also continues to make gains in nearly all ethnic subgroups.

District	Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Change
Overall	83.22%	<b>85.22%</b>	2.00%
Asian	93.27%	<b>94.92%</b>	1.66%
Black / African American	72.83%	<b>75.88%</b>	3.05%
Caucasian / White	87.50%	<b>89.06%</b>	1.56%
Hispanic / Latino	81.77%	<b>84.05%</b>	2.28%
American Indian / Native American	83.76%	<b>76.92%</b>	-6.84%
Multiracial	84.00%	<b>85.69%</b>	1.69%
Pacific Islander	85.16%	<b>87.53%</b>	2.37%
Individualized Education Plan (IEP)	69.02%	<b>68.10%</b>	-0.92%
Limited English Proficient (LEP)	83.44%	<b>76.86%</b>	-6.58%
Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL)	80.23%	<b>82.81%</b>	2.58%

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