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### **OFFICE FOR SAFE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT SUPPORTS CCSD EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL CLIMATES, REDUCE ABSENTEEISM**

**LAS VEGAS, NV** – The Clark County School District (CCSD) held events today at schools announcing the approval of an \$80,000 Nevada Department of Education (NDE) School Climate Transformation Grant to expand the district's Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program.

"With this grant in place in Clark County we now have a holistic framework to connect the many different pieces that are instrumental in creating a safe and caring climate and culture within our schools," said Eddie Ableser, Ph.D., NDE Director of the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment who participated in events today at Theron H. & Naomi D. Goynes Elementary School in North Las Vegas. "This evidence-based best practice will help parents, students and teachers throughout Clark County to work in collaboration towards a standard where all students learn in an emotionally, physically and intellectually safe environment."

NDE's Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment in collaboration with the Nevada Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Technical Assistance Center provide resources for behavioral systems level training and technical assistance. CCSD is one of six districts in Nevada that has been awarded funding for professional development and ongoing coaching through Nevada's School Climate Transformation Project. The project will support more than 30 schools in CCSD over the next three years to build the capacity for sustained efforts in implementing multi-tiered systems of supports.