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ENERGY CONSCIOUS NEVADA SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTENDS *ENERGYSMART* SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

SALT LAKE CITY, UT – (April 6, 2004) —A partnership of sponsors, including the Nevada State Office of Energy, National Energy Foundation and the U.S. Department of Energy's Rebuild America - EnergySmart Schools campaign, presented an *EnergySmart Schools In Action* Conference for the Clark County School District (CCSD). The full-day event was held in Las Vegas at the University of Nevada campus (UNLV) on March 5, 2004.

At the conference, District Superintendent Carlos Garcia challenged over 130 administrators to take action to minimize energy use within CCSD school buildings. Administrators were asked to do their part to save dollars that could then be used for the higher priority – the education of Clark County's children. Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent of Facilities, Susan Brager-Wellman, President/School Board of Trustees and Superintendent Garcia also signed an Energy Policy Declaration.



District representatives Garcia, Gerner and Brager-Wellman present signed Energy Policy Declaration.

Future new technologies were introduced and an improved process for maintenance and operation will be in place later this year. The present incentive program was reviewed and discussion groups provided principals the opportunity to give input and feedback to address ways to improve the program to save more energy.

As both energy use and rates increase, school districts are forced to spend more of their shrinking budgets on utility bills. Energy costs to school districts are second only to human resources expenses. School districts across the country are taking action to reduce energy costs. Under the leadership of Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent of Facilities, the Clark County School District is

approaching energy efficiency holistically. This conference focused on specific actions that a building administrator can do to impact energy use with a focus on raising awareness, providing leadership through example, building buy-in and cooperation of total staff, utilizing energy education classroom programs to promote wise energy choices among teachers and students. Consistent and positive communication with facilities department personnel was encouraged to promote optimum assistance in the improvement of maintenance and operations.

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