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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Clark County School District (CCSD), please accept this letter of support for the Educational Leadership Department transition to the College of Education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Instructional leaders are vital to promoting the success of our students and the Educational Leadership Department is a program that brings continued success to the District. The implementation of the Nevada Educator Performance Framework (NEPF) calls for professional learning for both teachers and administrators to gain a deeper understanding of effective instructional practices to promote student success. The Leadership Department's curriculum is fully aligned to the NEPF and assists in providing CCSD with exceptional leadership candidates and streamlining our administrative pipeline with this transition. The influence on content and pedagogy provided by the experts in the College of Education will serve to expand, enrich, and heighten this already powerful program for future school leaders.

Furthermore, the Educational Leadership Department closely aligns with the mission of the College of Education. The Clark County School District Instruction Unit has been working collaboratively with UNLV staff in the Educational Leadership Department to develop and implement innovative models that impact achievement at the local school level. Through the Great Teaching and Leading Funded grant project entitled Building Leadership Capacity, a partnership has been established to develop and implement a professional development project to maximize the instructional leadership capacity within the District. This project includes professional development with a focus on research-based leadership practices and effective collaborative coaching for District principals to support pre-service administrator candidates currently in the Educational Leadership Department.

The continued partnership between the District and UNLV will improve the quality of instructional leadership in the District. The strong connection between the College of Education and CCSD will support future leaders, which ultimately, will support all of our students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Pat Skorkowsky
Superintendent of Schools

"Every student in every classroom, without exceptions, without excuses"