Supt. Wentz Speaks On Closed Circuit T.V.

Clark County School **District Superintendent** Bob Wentz delivered a speech today on closed circuit television to CCSD employees. He outlined his position on Impending budget cuts within CCSD. Emphasizing that the district has already made \$6,728,802 in cuts in their 1982-83 operating budget, Wentz sald, "It has become clear that the Clark County School District is going to be forced to make still further budget

"We are faced with cutting approximately five million dollars from this year's operating budget. A cut of this size will probably eliminate a couple of hundred positions."

Wentz indicated the district's administration is reviewing the entire operating budget, "from top to bottom." He said that one basic

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guideline is being used when searching for cuts. "We will try not to cut direct instructional programs, or direct student extra curricular activities that remain in operation at this time."

Wentz insisted that the school district is not wasting money, saying, "We are thrifty. We are not a wealthy district. Having served as superintendent of three other school districts in the United States, I am Impressed with our district's fiscally sound budget."

During the televised speech, Wentz referred to a chart of comparative per pupil school district expenses. The chart showed that CCSD has the lowest per pupil expenditure in the entire state of Nevada. "During 1980-81 our district spent \$1,941 per pupil. As you can see from this (chart), our expenses are less

than every other school district in Nevada — far less than some."

Wentz told school district employees he would report again in the near future and ask for employee input on the actual list of cuts being proposed. "Before we go to the Board of School Trustees for final consideration of our proposed cuts, we will come again to you, our staff. At that time, if anyone has a preferable alternative, we will take time, make a cost analysis, and give it full consideration before taking the recommendations to the School Board for final action."

Wentz ended his tenminute talk asking employees to be patient. "We all need to work together on this. Most of all, let's not let the problem confronting us hurt our work with the children in our schools. For all of us, that should be the bottom

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