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"THE REPORT CARD"

"Distinguished
Scholars
Program"



Yvonne Atkinson

The Clark County School Board of Trustees will be considering a "Distinguished Scholars Program" at their regularly scheduled board meeting of July 11, 1985.

The community is urged to attend the meeting to voice their opinion or concerns regarding the program before implementation.

The "Distinguished

Scholars Program" is established for secondary students and designed to encourage students to enroll in rigorous and diversified courses of study. Students who are capable of handling honors classes will be encouraged to enroll in these classes and will receive a weighted grade point bonus of .025 for their effort and successful passage of the class. Honors classes within the course of study will challenge students to perform at levels beyond those expected in the normal classroom setting and will reward them for their efforts.

The intent of the program is to increase motivation for all students to enroll in rigorous course work; im-

prove advanced academic achievement of students; establish rewards for students enrolled in courses with greater depth by providing incentives through the weighted grades; and improve the communication between the school district and parents regarding the "Distinguished Scholars Program" for motivated secondary students. The positive objectives of the program concept is that students from Clark County School District will be competitive with other students from the nation's secondary schools; it will enhance each student's potential for a wider and more diversified post-high school admission and career ladder opportunity; it will prepare students to achieve at or above their expected ability level — thus improving their test results of national college placement entrance examinations; strengthen program enrollment and achievement in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate program, thus improving the students success rate for these classes.

The Distinguished Scholar program is designed to offer classes in five areas: English, Math, Science,

Foreign Language, Social Studies.

Students who complete the eleven hour classes successfully shall be identified as "Distinguished Scholar" students and will receive a Distinguished Scholars diploma. Bonus points will be offered to students who successfully complete up to fourteen courses. Each area high school will provide an enrichment opportunity for students to acquire more than the fourteen honors college preparatory classes; however, the incentive program is based upon a minimum and maximum design which establishes standards at eleven classes and equity at fourteen classes. The proposed recommendation is that the program be phased in starting with the 1986-87 Ninth Grade.

The next regularly scheduled School Board meeting is July 11, 1985. If parents of high school students are interested in the program, or would like to voice their opinion, call the Clark County School District at 736-5011 and place your name on the July 11, 1985 Public Hearing list as soon as possible, and be sure to attend the meeting.

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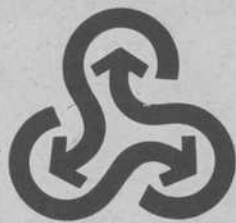
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