

Education

New Schools, Additions On Target For Fall 1992

On the heels of a record 18 schools opening in August 1991, plans are on target for nine new schools to open this fall in the Clark County School District, along with completion of several modernization projects and additions at existing schools.

As progress stands now and barring any major delays, eight of the nine schools will be ready to go when classes begin August 24, said Dale Scheideman, director of facility planning, adding, "We're pleased with the progress we have to date."

Only one building, Mary and Zel Lowman is scheduled to begin February 4, following delays in land acquisition, and the school is expected to open in October, Scheideman said. Officials plan to organize Lowman ahead of time so that students and teachers will be able to move into the new school with minimal disruption. Details are still being worked out, but classes will probably be grouped at nearby elementary campuses.

The remaining new schools, all of which open August 24, are:

- Lee Antonello Elementary School — 1101 Tropical Parkway in North Las Vegas.

- Patricia A. Bendorf Ele-

mentary School — Located at Spring Mountain and El Captain, just south of The Lakes subdivision.

- Jack Dailey Elementary School — Located at Reno and Burnham. Dailey, organized during the 1991-92 school year, currently operates on the Paradise Elementary School campus.

- Jim Thorpe Elementary School — Located at 1650 Patrick Lane in Henderson. Thorpe is paired with Harriet Treem Elementary School.

- Selma F. Bartlett Elementary School — Located at Wigwam and Valle Verde in Green Valley.

- Searchlight Elementary School — A larger building replaces an existing one-room school and portable classroom. The school will be next to the new community center.

- Theron L. Swainston Junior High School — 3500 W. Gilmore Ave. in North Las Vegas.

- Thurman White Junior High School — 1661 Galleria Drive in Henderson.

A special feature of the new urban elementary schools is their adaptation to class size reduc-

tion, Scheideman said. Several classrooms at each school will be slightly larger, and equipped with two sets of sinks, doors and switches. That way, teachers in grades affected by class size reduction may teach together in one large room or have a partition installed to create two smaller rooms. The arrangement allows teachers more flexibility.

Completion of those nine buildings brings to 40 the number of schools constructed so far as part of the district's \$600 million building program.

But new schools aren't the only bond fund construction in the works for 1992. Additions at three elementary schools will also be completed by August 24. Red Rock, Rose Warren and Tom Williams elementary

schools are earmarked for additions. Three other school — McCaw Elementary School, Von Tobel Junior High School and Eldorado High School — are undergoing modernization following asbestos removal. Those projects will be completed this summer. A major modernization and addition project will be done at Rancho High School. And, additions to Laughlin and

Grant Bowler elementary schools are scheduled for completion this December.

Meanwhile, construction is in progress on Durango, Winchester and Moapa Valley high schools, all of which are scheduled for completion in fall 1993. Sawyer and Becker junior high schools, along with additional elementary schools, will also open that fall.

PBS SPECIAL TO SPOTLIGHT UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND'S HISTORIC NEW MOVE TOWARD THE YEAR 2000

NEW YORK — A mini-documentary about the United Negro College Fund's historic new effort to prepare the growing African-American work force for the challenges of the year 2000 will air on PBS stations across the country during February, coinciding with celebrations of Black History Month.

The 12-minute segment, "Spotlight on Education," reveals how UNCF's most ambitious undertaking in its history, a \$250 million capital campaign entitled, **CAMPAIGN 2000: An Investment in America's Future**, is attracting extraordinary support from leading citizens and corporations. It also offers compelling evidence from the Labor Department about the increasingly important role minorities will play in the 21st-century job market. The program features commentary by prominent backers of the campaign, including President

George Bush, former House majority whip and current UNCF President and CEO William H. Gray, III, Ambassador Walter Annenberg, General Motors

sources to produce a new generation of leaders—young adults who will be able to hold their own in the marketplace of the 21st century."

Program on Nationwide Efforts to Prepare Black Americans for Information Age Will Air During Black History Month

Chairman Robert Stempel, "Today" show host Bryant Gumbel, and others.

"Our historically black colleges and universities have produced most of the African-American leaders in business, government, education and every imaginable field," says UNCF President & CEO William Gray. "It is in every American's interest to make sure our 41 colleges have the financial re-

sources to produce a new generation of leaders—young adults who will be able to hold their own in the marketplace of the 21st century."

Through **CAMPAIGN 2000**, UNCF is strengthening facilities, scholarships, endowments, and faculty and program development at its 41 private, historically black colleges and universities.

The campaign has already raised \$114 million in gifts and

ELDORADO HS INITIATES ONLY SECONDARY PTA IN LAS VEGAS

The only secondary PTA unit in Clark County is now off the ground at Eldorado High School, an achievement that brings local PTA leaders closer to their goal of involving more parents at the junior and senior high school levels.

A group of Eldorado parents voted January 15 to affiliate with PTA, said Linda Wade, president of the Las Vegas Area Council PTA and an Eldorado parent. The group had been meeting for about a year as a parent advisory council. No other junior or senior high schools in Clark County has a PTA. Las Vegas High School had one for a few years, but that has become inactive, Wade said.

Wade applauded efforts to get a PTA going at the high school level. "I think parents need to be just as involved in their kids' education at the high school level as at the elementary level," Wade said. "Just because your kids are older, doesn't mean they need you any less."

The PTA focus at the secondary level will be different than at the elementary level, Wade said. It will provide a forum for parents to share ideas and concerns, as well as provide parents with a better

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