

CITIES IN SCHOOLS: SUCCESS TRANSFER

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA — Educational, business, civic, religious and non-profit leaders in the southern Nevada community are preparing their final proposal for the adoption of the Cities in Schools drop-out prevention program by the Clark County School District Board of Trustees.

Cities in Schools, Inc. (CIS) is a national non-profit drop-out prevention program, in operation since 1977, which helps communities design a plan to integrate educational and human care services for at-risk children and youth. CIS currently has 78 operational programs serving 143 communities in 23 states. Of the 478 CIS Project Sites, 146 Elementary, 144 Middle/Junior High and 162 Senior High Schools are involved.

Nevada ranks nationally as having the highest drop-out rate, the highest juvenile custody rate, and the highest percentage of children living outside of their homes. In addition, according to the Nevada Faculty Alliance, Nevada ranks last in providing funding to needy students.

These disturbing facts have promoted a coalition of concerned citizens, headed by private sector leaders at Mirage resorts, Burger King, Citibank,

Sunrise Hospital and Mercy Medical Services, to urge the involvement of parents, social services, health care professionals and government officials to support the CIS program.

While a percentage of students in Las Vegas are fortunate to come from two-parent families, with the luxury of a parent who can stay at home to raise the children, rapidly growing number of youngsters are facing disconnection, violence, poor health and academic failure from coping with divorce, drugs, single parent homes and abandonment by a system that is no longer able to meet their burgeoning needs.

CIS has a working relationship inside the schools that can transform the lives of children. The program has gained national recognition as communities across the country demonstrate their concern for youth and education through their adoption of the broad-based, results-oriented program. Burger King and Citibank, two multinational corporations with a local business presence, support Cities In Schools in several other locations throughout the United States. John Pucci, local Burger King franchise owner and CIS Board member says, "our society cannot allow the drop-out

rate to climb. Drop-outs comprise 75% of the prison population and 85% of the juveniles in the court system. We urge all business leaders, educators and parents to give their support to CIS."

Citibank's President, Ed Skonicki adds, "Nevada's statistics show very clearly that our children are at risk - at risk of failure in school, at risk of being in gangs, at risk of never graduating from high school with the diploma that will gain them entry to the working world and a better life. They are at risk of becoming the prison population for which we will pay thousands of dollars in our lifetimes. CIS is a tremendous effort to bring solutions to the kids at school sites, instead of trying to accomplish the formidable and frustrating, task of getting the student to those who can help him or her. We've seen this program in other communities. We can transfer that success to our community."

National leaders involved in CIS like the results they are seeing. Former Secretary of Labor, Elizabeth Dole: "This is a model program that the nation could learn much from." Governor James Martin, North Carolina: "With a better than 95 percent success rate since the first program got off the ground in

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Charlotte five years ago, we are very pleased." David Kearns, Former Chairman Xerox: "Cities In Schools creates environments and relationships where learning can take place. I think the program is absolutely terrific."

The students who have graduated from a CIS program are enthusiastic and grateful.

Atlanta CIS student Canveta Burke: "This program saved my life. So many told me 'You'll never be anything'—but I am. Marcey Perry, a freshman at Clark Atlanta University: "They made me feel important; they told me I had something to contribute. CIS changed my life."

Elaine Wynn, Cities In

Schools Board Chairman says, "It has been demonstrated countless times that the introduction of caring adults into the lives of troubled children causes dramatic, positive changes.

This is what Cities In Schools does and what the Las Vegas community has committed to support."

CRIME REPORT STATISTICS REFLECT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SCHOOL POLICE

A comprehensive report of 1992-93 school-related crime statistics has been released by the Clark County School District Police Department. According to Acting Police Chief Danny Reyes, the results are mixed, but in general support the effectiveness of school police to deter crime on school campuses.

The report indicates a total of 3,588 incidents logged during the year, and the issuance of 1,825 arrests and citations.

A total of 181 knives were confiscated on school grounds and 67 guns were recovered through May 31 of this school year. During the previous school year, 1991-92, weapons violations were reported generically, therefore a direct comparison to weapons confiscated this year cannot be made.

The 1992-93 school year incident report reflects only those matters which were investigated by school police, or for which a written report was taken.

	1991-92 Through May 31, 1992	1992-93 Through May 31, 1993
Total Number of Incidents Logged	3,467	3,588
Arrests and Citations	1,932	1,825
Knife Incidents	186	197 181 knives confiscated
Gun Incidents	102	87 67 guns confiscated
Possession of Controlled Substances	110	137
Disturbances	390	227
Assaults	28	42
Burglaries	223	283
Batteries	653	497

C.C. School District School Police Summary of Reports

CCSN SUMMER CLASSES

The Community College of Southern Nevada's Division of Community Education is bursting at the seams with summer leisure activities and non-credit classes.

Cool off this summer with a taste-tempting workshop on "Summer Soups, Salads, & Desserts." With all ingredients provided, you will discover how easy it is to prepare light summer dishes like ambrosia, Waldorf and Caesar Salads, crepes, and fondues. This 1-session class meets Wednesday, June 16, from 6 - 9 p.m. The fee is \$29.

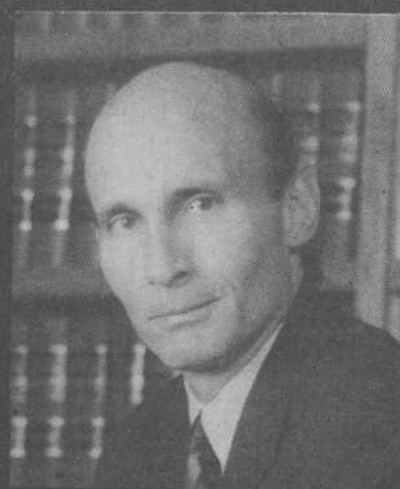
Spend a day at the lake and hit the water with an exciting class in "Windsurfing." In this easy beginning class, you will learn the basics of Windsurfing at our own Lake Mead. One-day classes are held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the following Saturdays, June 19, July 17, and August 14. The cost is \$69.

A class in "Land Navigation" is a must for all hikers, hunters, and campers. Never get lost again as you learn how to read topographical maps and use a compass in this beginning workshop. The class meets Friday, June 18, from 6 - 10 p.m. and costs \$29.

Learn how to handle life's everyday emergencies in "Medic First Aid & CPR." This easy 8-hour, OSHA-approved course will be held twice this summer. The first class meets Wednesday and Thursday, (See CCSN Classes, Page 9)

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