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**Health District's Partners for a Healthy Nevada selects  
8 local schools for commitment to physical education**

LAS VEGAS – Partners for a Healthy Nevada, a community obesity prevention coalition founded by the Southern Nevada Health District, has designated eight Clark County schools as the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Demonstration Centers. The schools were selected based on several criteria and each has set a standard for teaching physical education and promoting an active school environment. The schools will receive their awards at the Clark County School District's Fitness and Wellness for ALL conference at 7:15 a.m., Friday, January 25 at Palo Verde High School.

The following schools were selected as President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Demonstration Centers:

- Paul E. Culley Elementary School
- John A. Dooley Elementary School
- Roger D. Gehring Elementary School
- R. Guild Gray Elementary School
- Clifford J. Lawrence Junior High School
- Bob Miller Middle School
- William E. Orr Middle School
- Del E. Webb Middle School

The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Demonstration Center project is an initiative to promote and recognize elementary and secondary schools that emphasize physical activity and fitness in their physical education programs and in the school environment. In recent years, participation in the project has declined, however, with an increase in childhood obesity rates and the need to increase awareness of the importance of physical education, the President's Council on Physical Fitness has developed alliances to revitalize the project. In Southern Nevada, the Partners for a Healthy Nevada coalition is taking the lead to re-establish the President's Council on Physical Fitness locally.

Members of Partners for a Healthy Nevada include the University of Nevada/Cooperative Extension, the Clark County School District, UNLV, the American Heart Association and others. For more information about Partners for a Healthy Nevada, contact the Southern Nevada Health District's Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at (702) 759-1270 or visit [www.GetHealthyClarkCounty.org](http://www.GetHealthyClarkCounty.org).

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