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1,800 students benefit when Special Olympics Schools Partnership Program hosts annual track and field meet for disabled and non-disabled students

Partnerships demonstrates successful collaboration with CCSD to provide enhanced quality of life programming for local children.

What: Months of training and preparation are about to pay off when local elementary, middle and high school students compete against each other for bragging rights during the Ninth Annual Special Olympics Nevada School Games at Cheyenne High School on May 5 & May 6. Disabled student athletes and their non-disabled peers will compete *together* as they represent their respective schools and compete in various track and field events such as 25, 50 and 100 Meter (running, wheelchair and modified events) and field events (long jump, turbo javelin and softball throw)

Participating elementary schools will kick off the games on Thursday May 5 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM with the middle and high schools competing at the same time on Friday May 6.

Trophies will be awarded to first place schools in elementary and secondary, large and small school categories based on the cumulative totals from all athletes competing. Awards will be announced post event to allow for accurate calculations and trophies will be presented at school rallies.

Special Olympics Nevada funds the program, including a managing Teacher on Special Assignment (TSA), and oversees program administration in partnership with the Clark County School District. The program is one of five sports-oriented initiatives offered by the Schools Partnership Program and all programs are funded by local businesses and individual support. Financial support is provided by Bank of America and City Stop; volunteer groups from US Bank, Station Casinos, Caesars HEROS, Nellis AFB, Century Link, Hard Rock Cafe, Otis Elevator and Wells Fargo will run the events.

When: **Thursday, May 5:**

- Elementary School Games 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Friday, May 6:

- Middle and High School Games 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Where: All Events:
Cheyenne High School
3200 W. Alexander
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032

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Photo Opps: Unified sports athletes competing in a variety of events, coaches and crowd cheering on athletes, volunteer groups from US Bank, Station Casinos, Caesars HEROS, Nellis AFB, Century Link, Hard Rock Cafe, Otis Elevator and Wells Fargo

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