Inspired by the belief that improving our public schools was too big a task for the school district to accomplish alone, The Public Education Foundation, since 1991, has worked with the Clark County School District to mobilize community and global resources to support and impact public education. The Foundation recognizes that community and business involvement is vital to school improvement.

By focusing on solutions, innovation, accountability and results, the Foundation is impacting schools and the school district at multiple levels from classroom projects and school-wide programs to initiatives that promote systemic reform. The Foundation is working collaboratively with educators to ensure that students not only succeed in the classroom but succeed in life. Since 1991, The Foundation has raised approximately $60 million to improve teaching and learning in Southern Nevada’s public schools.

Our initiatives and programs include:

- **Clark County READS**, our literacy initiative, provides books to school libraries, classrooms, students and families. We also recruit and train volunteer reading partners who work with struggling readers. We are working with teachers, parents, librarians, pediatricians and business and community organizations to ensure our children, preschool through 12th grade, are given every opportunity to develop the reading skills needed to be successful.

- **The Teacher EXCHANGE™** is a re-use resource center developed by The Public Education Foundation to support public school teachers while encouraging our community to protect and sustain the environment. Donations of supplies, surplus materials and office equipment are collected from the community and provided to teachers for use in their classrooms…helping teachers, students and the environment.

- **Scholarships** enable local students to access colleges, universities other post-secondary programs that many of them may not be able to afford. Since establishing the scholarship program in 1994, the Foundation has awarded almost 2,100 scholarships totaling almost $5 million.

- **Empowerment Schools** are designed to improve learning and student performance through autonomy, accountability, pay-for-performance and collaboration. Through the power of public-private partnerships and engagement, 17 schools are presently designated as Empowerment Schools.
• The **Grant Program** offers teachers and administrators opportunities to implement best practices or test new instructional methodologies.

• **Project SMILE** provides emergency treatment for students who are not eligible for any other dental assistance and have critical dental problems which interfere with learning.

• **We R Community** provides service learning to high school students by engaging them in the world of philanthropy and community service. This program is currently in four Clark County School District high schools.

• **Artists 4 Kidz** is an organized effort that connects the creative energy of the Las Vegas community with children in the Clark County School District in order to enrich their exposure to the arts and improve their education experience.

• The **Best Practices** project recognizes those teachers who have developed successful programs delivering significant results. This project identifies, shares and encourages all teachers to replicate best practices.

• The **Leadership Institute** initiative recognizes that strong and effective leaders are critical to school improvement. In collaboration with the education and business communities, we are identifying the attributes of successful educational leaders and working to develop programs for principals, administrators and superintendents which will strengthen their skills to lead our nation’s schools.

• The **WorldWide Learning Connection** is a cutting-edge online learning community currently being developed to promote global understanding and strengthen cultural connections through innovative artistic experiences, collaborations and curriculum.

• The **InterAct™ Online Learning Community** was an early initiative of the Foundation. This electronic communication system was developed in 1992 and now supports more than 40,000 district teachers, students and administrators who share curriculum, exchange ideas, develop projects outside the classroom and correspond via email.

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**The Public Education Foundation believes in the promise of public education.**

*We know public education can succeed and every child can learn.*

*We believe that young minds matter.*

*Only with the support of the entire community can we make a difference.*

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