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**The Battle Goes on to Honor our Veterans in Naming the Valley's newest High School in the Northeast Region**

The two-year fight to honor our country's veterans continues tomorrow night at a community input meeting with the School Board Naming Committee. The Clark County School District is opening a new high school for 2009-2010 in the Northeast Region, near Nellis Air Force Base. Veterans and their supporters have been trying unsuccessfully to name a new high school "Veterans Memorial High School" in honor of our country's veterans. The Marine Corps League, local ROTC groups, Blue Star and Gold Star Mothers will be present in staunch support.

The School Naming committee has avoided the issue of naming the Valley's newest High School "Veterans Memorial High School" for over two years. After last year's debacle [sending the veteran's groups in four different directions before telling them just days before the meeting that the students would pick the name of the new high school] supporters are more unwavering than ever.

As stated on the CCSD website, "Clark County School District policy states that comprehensive high schools will be named for the general historical, cultural, or regional characteristics of the geographical location of the school and are not named for individuals. Consideration may be given to naming a high school to honor groups of persons who have demonstrated international, national, state or local leadership in the fields of education or public service."

In light of honoring veterans who have performed the ultimate public service, many community members are left wondering why the district isn't showing appreciation to the thousands of men and women who have fought and are currently fighting for our freedom. From their point of view, it seems incredibly unjust that veterans, family and friends of fallen heroes should have to lobby to get a local school named in their honor. This is not the message we should be sending to those who have served and continue to serve our country, nor to our children who are educated at these facilities.

The public can show their support by suggesting the name "Veterans Memorial High School" for the new high school. If you are unable to attend the meeting or prefer not to make a public statement, please complete the form available at the CCSD website, <http://ccsd.net/regions/northeast/>, and fax it to (702) 877-0956.

The meeting will be held at Hickey Elementary School located at 2450 North Hollywood Boulevard, at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. The district phone is (702) 799-1072.

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