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## Media Advisory (Oct. 23, 2017)

## Department of Education and Carson City School District Partner to Distribute Backpacks and Books to Homeless Students Across the State

WHAT:

In a collaborative effort with the Carson City School District, the Nevada Department of Education will divide and pack more than 600 backpacks and books for the education of homeless children and youth across Nevada.

<u>Feed the Children</u> will ship the supplies to the <u>McKinney-Vento Students</u> in <u>Transition</u> Program where items will divide up, assemble and distribute the supplies to more than 17 districts throughout the state.

"Our district and employees are happy to host this activity," said Mr. Richard Stokes, superintendent. "Our schools are extensions of our community, so providing for students in Nevada who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence is really a part of who we all are."

Earlier this year in April, Carson City School District's McKinney-Vento program provided more than 350 pairs of new shoes to pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade students in transition.

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Carson City School District, Operations Service Center, 398 N Richmond

St. (Richmond and Telegraph St.)

VISUALS: School supplies stuffed into new backpacks.

## **ABOUT CCSD**

Located in Nevada's capital, Carson City School District (CCSD) offers public education to approximately 7,600 students in Carson City. The district includes 6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 1 alternative high school and 1 comprehensive high school. CCSD boasts many successes including impressive graduation rates, strict safety measures, programs for gifted students and advanced-placement classes, among several others. In a joint venture with Western Nevada College, the CCSD Jump Start College program allows high school juniors and seniors to enroll in dual credit courses where they can achieve an Associate degree simultaneously with their high school diploma.