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ANDRE AGASSI COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY WELCOMES DEMOCRACY PREP PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO NEVADA

The 2017-18 school year will be the first for Democracy Prep at the Agassi Campus

LAS VEGAS – Las Vegas philanthropist and education advocate Andre Agassi, along with Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval, officially welcomed nationally acclaimed charter school operator Democracy Prep Public Schools to the Silver State on Friday afternoon.

“Democracy Prep is one of the nation’s highest achieving charter management organizations,” said Gov. Sandoval. “They have a track record of success at 17 high-performing public charter schools in New York, New Jersey, Louisiana and Washington, D.C. and we are delighted they are coming to Nevada.”

Agassi Prep opened in 2001 as the first realization of Agassi’s vision to improve education in Nevada. Since then, the K-12 charter school has graduated more than 406 students, sending many on to college and beyond. Recognizing the chance to take the next step forward for Agassi Prep students and their families, Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy will become Democracy Prep at the Agassi Campus beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

“I’m incredibly proud of what we have accomplished at Agassi Prep. I have learned so much since first imagining this school, and seeing it flourish has been one of the greatest pleasures of my life,” said Agassi. “Over the past 16 years, my commitment to these students and those who will come after has never wavered, and I stand by that commitment today. Along this journey I have engaged with charter school leaders across the country and it’s become clear that having Democracy Prep come to Nevada to serve the students of our urban core is a significant opportunity to take us further in our mission to improve education in Nevada.”

While Democracy Prep will assume school operations in the fall, the commitment from the Andre Agassi Foundation for Education and Agassi himself will remain steady. In partnership with Democracy Prep, the foundation aims to facilitate enhanced opportunities for students across the state to access high-quality K-12 education that can change lives.

“At Democracy Prep Public Schools, our motto is: ‘Work Hard. Go to College. Change the World.’ We are honored and humbled that the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy and this amazing community have entrusted us to put those values to work here in Las Vegas,” said Katie Duffy, CEO of Democracy Prep Public Schools. “Democracy Prep Public Schools are successful because we believe in our students, families and communities. We equip our scholars and teachers with all the tools and support necessary to excel.”

With a mission to educate responsible citizen-scholars for success in the college of their choice and a life of active civic engagement, Democracy Prep students routinely score significantly higher in Math and English than their public school peers. Ninety-two percent of Democracy Prep alumni are currently enrolled in a four-year college or university, and 100 percent of rising students are on track to get there. This fall, the students of Agassi Prep will be welcomed into that fold.

Democracy Prep Public Schools currently educates 5,040 citizen-scholars across 17 high-performing schools in New York, New Jersey, the District of Columbia, and Baton Rouge.

For more information, please visit DemocracyPrep.org.

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