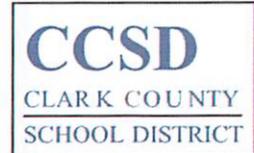




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Good Day,

My name is Kelly Grondahl and I am the Principal at Vegas Verdes ES. Thank you for the opportunity to provide some insight into how important Victory funding is to the success of our school. During the past several years, Vegas Verdes ES moved from one of the lowest performing schools to an Honorary Shining Star, Shining Star, and a consistent community resource for our families and students. Since the inception of Victory money, our team has strategically used the funds to increase technology, provide wrap-around services for the community, purchase research based curriculum, and not only hire highly qualified staff members, but provide training to enhance current skills in teaching and learning for all staff.

Victory funds have allowed me to create assets for the community as we work toward a one-to-one system concerning technology. This has been especially important as the Covid-19 pandemic closed our school, which will most likely lead to increased interactions using online and distance learning strategies. The most important aspect of the funding has been the staff positions, which were purchased through the grant. Victory funds allowed us to combat the "roller coaster effect," which numerous schools receive as they move between levels of stars according to the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF).

My request is that schools continue to keep Victory funds in order to sustain successful practices and environments in the communities they serve. I am sure you will see that every administrator, teacher, support professional, student and family in communities fortunate enough to receive Victory funding have benefitted immensely on many levels. The pandemic has caused many issues and inconsistencies in services. The loss of funding for Victory schools would enhance this issue and cause gaps in equity to increase, especially for those students and families, who need the most support.

Thank you for your time and I hope all of your loved ones and friends remain safe and healthy.

Kelly Grondahl,
Principal