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**NEVADA STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD,**  
**WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**LAUNCH “PROJECT SAFEGUARD”**

**For Immediate Release**



The Nevada State Contractors Board and the Washoe County School District are pleased to announce the start of “Project Safeguard,” a community service project developed to help finance the installation of protective fences around seven elementary schools in the Reno/Sparks area. On July 11, 2008, Microsoft Licensing, GP of Reno donated \$2,850.50 to begin the program. The funds will be used to provide fencing for Bud Beasley Elementary School in Sparks.

“Microsoft Licensing is thrilled to be part of this project and thrilled to be here today in partnering with the Nevada State Contractors Board and the Washoe County School District in doing something that’s really important for our kids and that’s making their environment safe,” Kyle Christensen, Microsoft Site Leader for Community Affairs, said.

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“On behalf of the Beasley community, I want to express my deepest appreciation to the Microsoft Corporation and to ‘Project Safeguard’ for their generous donation that will allow us to receive the fencing needed to ensure that our school campus is safe and secure,” Susan Kehoe, Principal of Bud Beasley Elementary School, added. ”A child who feels safe is a child who can learn.”

Approximately \$40,000 is needed to fence the remaining six schools, according to estimates prepared by Tholl Fence, Inc. of Sparks. Volunteers from Microsoft will assist Tholl in installing Bud Beasley’s fencing.

The remaining six schools needing fencing include: Jesse Beck, Reno; Elmcrest, Reno; Drake, Sparks; Kate Smith, Sparks; Smithridge, Reno and Verdi, Verdi.

“On behalf of the Nevada State Contractors Board, we would like to thank all of those who came out today to participate in the beginning of what we feel is one of the most important projects to take place in the Reno/Sparks area in quite sometime,” Margi Grein, Executive Officer of the NSCB, said.

***For those wishing to contribute to “Project Safeguard,” a bank account has been established at Well Fargo Bank. You may go to any branch of Wells Fargo and donate to Bank Account Number 8045040790.***

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