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NPRI Issues Report on CTE Roundtables

The Nevada Policy Research Institute has released a new report on a series of roundtable discussions held earlier this year on Career and Technical Education (CTE) in the Silver State. The report, titled *NPRI's 2007 Roundtables: Career & Technical Education in Nevada* and authored by Dr. Robert Schmidt and John Ziebell, can be downloaded at: http://npri.org/mgraphs/CTE_RoundtableReporter.pdf.

The roundtable discussions focused on a recent NPRI study by Dr. Schmidt titled *Teaching the Forgotten Half: Career & Technical Education in Nevada's High Schools*, which examined the need for providing students with alternatives to a traditional high school and college education in the face of a changing employment marketplace.

The series of four roundtable sessions – of which two were held in Reno and two were held in Las Vegas – was designed to spark discussion among Nevada's community, business and educational leaders about Dr. Schmidt's study and the subject of CTE.

Dr. Schmidt began each of the four discussion sessions with a presentation on his CTE study, then opened the floor to comment from the various discussion participants. A chief point of consensus that emerged during the discussions, as noted in the roundtable report, was that "career and technically oriented education has a powerful ability to add context to the instruction young people receive."

"All sessions agreed that Nevada's current system is failing both its kids and the state economy and needs to attend to CTE with much more constancy," the report states.

To receive a hard copy of the report, or to receive additional information or comment on it or its findings, please contact NPRI.

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