

March 30, 2021

Nevada Assembly Committee on Education
C/O Chair Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod
401 S Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

**Re: Public Comment for March 29, 2021: AB367: Revises provisions governing education.
(BDR 34-87)**

Good afternoon, Committee Chair Bilbray-Axelrod, and committee members. My name Dr. Brenda Pearson, and I am representing the Clark County Education Association.

CCEA is testifying in support on AB367 and thanks Assemblywoman Tolles for bringing this bill forward. We must look to our youth centers and facilities for detention and ensure that we are teaching those students a comparable public-school education. One component that has not been adequately discussed is disciplinary skills. The ability for a student to use disciplinary skills to make claims according to evidence and communicate and critique conclusions is imperative to their future. Creating academic opportunities where disciplinary skills are experienced through social studies content allows students to grapple with real-life experiences. It is the intent that these disciplinary skills will then transfer to how students approach and interact with the world around them.

We must ensure that every student has every possible tool in their tool belt to approach their education with an open mind to become the innovators of tomorrow. Our state disciplinary facilities are a place where education can make the biggest difference. We thank Assemblywoman Tolles for spearheading the movement towards a more holistic education for these students and look forward to working with the sponsor to provide opportunities for every student in Nevada to receive a quality education.

Respectfully,

Dr. Brenda Pearson
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