

May 4, 2021

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

Re: Public Comment for SB2: Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-429).

Hello and thank you, Committee Chairwoman Bilbray Axelrod and committee members. My name is Marie Neisess, President of the Clark County Education Association.

CCEA supports Senate Bill 2 and thanks the Clark County School District for bringing forth this bill. SB2 takes out redundant requirements for reporting and addresses previously unfunded mandates. By giving the State Board of Education regulatory authority to prescribe a statewide screener for kindergarten students, the Nevada education system will have the flexibility to ensure the exam we utilize is current and provides the state with reliable data to produce better outcomes related to student achievement. Further, CCEA supports SB2 because the changes in the height and weight measurements will not take students away from time in the classroom.

CCEA appreciates the efforts of this committee and all stakeholders for this bill and supports all efforts that allow educators to prioritize learning while giving the flexibility that comes with regulations to ensure that the evolution of the education system can happen. CCEA supports the restoration to before the pandemic related budget cuts and the progression to optimal funding of the pupil-centered funding plan. However, as we wait for the bipartisan effort to target new revenue for SB543, we must leverage all partnerships with government agencies to ensure that we provide the wrap around services that our students need. SB2 takes a much needed look at our data collection in coordination with local health districts and will help to provide public health programming in the long run that promotes healthy living and eating habits in our students.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,



Marie Neisess, President
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