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## **CCEA Succeeds Alongside Gaming and Mining to Make Sufficient Investment in Nevada's Education**

**LAS VEGAS-** The Clark County Education Association (CCEA) went into Nevada's 81st Legislative Session with one mission in mind, to raise additional revenue dedicated to funding Nevada's K-12 education system.

Throughout the entire session, CCEA worked collaboratively with the Gaming and Mining industries, legislative leadership in both houses and Governor Sisolak, in a bipartisan fashion, to find a new revenue stream committed to funding the Pupil Centered Funding Plan (PCFP). With only hours left in the session, Assembly Bill 495 was introduced and passed by both houses, bringing the mining education fund to life. Making the biggest investment in education in Nevada's history.

Assembly Bill 495 puts in place a new tiered tax structure specific to larger mining companies and sends the state's portion of mining tax to fund public education. This new tax combined with moving existing net proceeds from the general fund, sends more than \$300 million to our K-12 education system. This bill also sends \$200 million from the state's allocated American Rescue Plan funds to the Department of Education for grants that support programs to compensate for learning loss during the pandemic.

"This is a huge win for our students, educators and the community", said CCEA President, Marie Neisess. "Funding education is the first step in diversifying Nevada's economy and preparing our students for the workforce. Passing AB495 was a great place to start."

CCEA appreciates the collaboration with both the mining and gaming industries, legislative leadership and Governor Sisolak to bring this funding to our students. It was a historic moment in time, but there's still more to be done.

Accordingly, CCEA will be withdrawing its gaming tax initiative petition and will now concentrate on electing pro education and pro job legislators in the 2022 election cycle.

“Our economy needs to diversify and investing in the K-12 education system will improve our workforce so that new industries can relocate to Nevada and help create jobs our state needs,” said John Vellardita, Executive Director of CCEA.”

*Clark County Education Association is the largest teachers union in Nevada and is the exclusive bargaining agent representing over 18,000 licensed professionals in CCSD.*