

## **MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Name of Organization: Legislative Committee on Education  
(*Nevada Revised Statutes 218E.605*)

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, April 7, 2010  
10 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Room 4412  
555 East Washington Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada

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## **A G E N D A**

**Note: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed.**

\*Denotes items on which the Committee may take action.

- I. Opening Remarks  
    Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair
- \*II. Approval of Minutes of Meetings Held on December 11, 2009, and December 17, 2009, in Las Vegas, Nevada
- \*III. Status Report of Current and Anticipated Activities by Nevada's Department of Education Concerning the State's Proposed Application for the Federal Race to the Top Fund (Section 14006, Title XIV, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law No. 111-5)  
    Keith W. Rheault, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Education (DOE)

- \*IV. Consideration of the Race to the Top Fund Relating to Articulating the State’s Education Reform Plans Agenda and the Participation of School Districts in the Reform
  - A. Status of Policies and Programs in Nevada Relevant to Eligibility Requirements  
Keith W. Rheault, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, DOE
  - B. Progress Report Concerning Agreements and Commitments by School Districts, District Employee Organizations and Others in Support of the Reform Plans  
Kristen McNeill, Director, State and Federal Programs and K-16 Initiatives, Washoe County School District  
Alison J. Turner, President, Nevada Parent Teacher Association
  - C. Progress Report of the Clark County School District’s Planned Participation in the State Application for Race to the Top Funds and Support of the Reform Plans  
Walt Rulfes, Ph.D., Superintendent, Clark County School District (CCSD)
- \*V. Consideration of the Race to the Top Fund Relating to Building Strong Statewide Capacity to Implement, Scale Up, and Sustain Proposed Reform Plans
  - A. Status of Policies and Programs in Nevada Relevant to Eligibility Requirements  
Keith W. Rheault, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, DOE
  - B. Existing Mechanisms for Identifying Promising Practices in Nevada Schools  
Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent of Instructional, Research and Evaluative Services, DOE
  - C. Use of the In\$ite Financial Accountability Program to Assist in Evaluating Reform Efforts  
Rick Wells, Vice President, Finance and Consulting Services, EdMin.com  
Kristine Bergford, Manager, In\$ite Consulting Services, EdMin.com
- \*VI. Consideration of the Race to the Top Fund Relating to Demonstrating Significant Progress in Raising Achievement and Closing Gaps
  - A. Status of Policies and Programs in Nevada Relevant to Eligibility Requirements  
Keith W. Rheault, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, DOE
  - B. Overview of State Data Concerning Achievement Information and Demonstrating Closure of the Achievement Gap Among Subgroups of Students  
Rorie Fitzpatrick, Director, Special Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, and School Improvement Programs, DOE  
Steven Canavero, Accountability Report Card, Office of Assessment, Program Accountability and Curriculum (APAC), DOE
  - C. Role of Professional Development and the Regional Professional Development Programs (RPDPs) in Improving Student Outcomes and Closing Achievement Gaps  
Bill Hanlon, Director, Southern Nevada Regional Training Program
- \*VII. Consideration of the Race to the Top Fund Relating to Making Education Funding a Priority  
Keith W. Rheault, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, DOE

\*VIII. Consideration of the Race to the Top Fund Relating to Ensuring Successful Conditions for High-Performing Charter Schools and Other Innovative Schools

A. Status of Policies and Programs in Nevada Relevant to Eligibility Requirements  
Keith W. Rheault, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, DOE

B. Overview of Charter Schools in Nevada  
Kathleen A. Conaboy, K-12 Inc.  
Michele Robinson, Ed.D., President, Board of Trustees, Charter School Association of Nevada

C. Overview of Empowerment Schools in Clark County  
Jeremy Hauser, Academic Manager, Superintendent's Schools, CCSD

\*IX. Consideration of the Race to the Top Fund Relating to Demonstrating Other Significant Reform or Innovation That Have Increased Student Achievement Rates or Graduation Rates, Narrowed Achievement Gaps, or Resulted in Other Improvements  
Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent of Instructional, Research and Evaluative Services, DOE

\*X. Consideration of the Race to the Top Fund Relating to the Competitive Preference Priority Concerning an Emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and the Invitational Priorities Specified in the Race to the Top Program

A. Status of Policies and Programs in Nevada Relevant to Eligibility Requirements  
Keith W. Rheault, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, DOE

B. Overview of STEM Activities in Nevada  
David Brancamp, Assistant Director; Science Consultant, APAC, DOE

XI. Public Comment  
**(Because of time considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker may be limited, and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers.)**

XII. Adjournment

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