

# State of Nevada Class-Size Reduction Program

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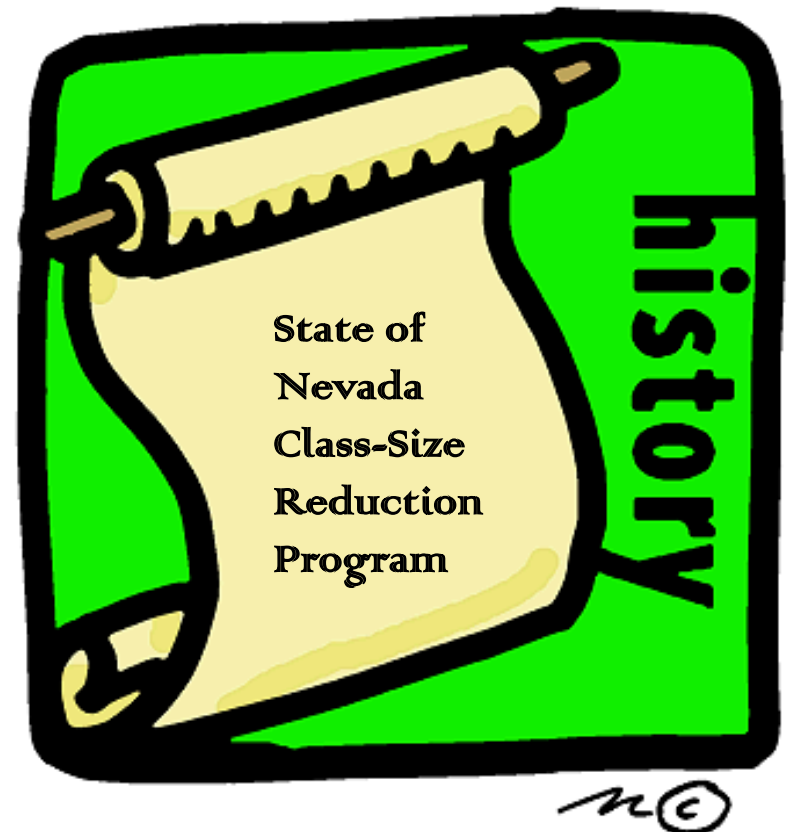
# Presentation Outline

- ❑ History of the CSR Program in Nevada
- ❑ CSR Plans and Variance Requests – Requirements
- ❑ Variance Request Data
- ❑ CSR Legislation



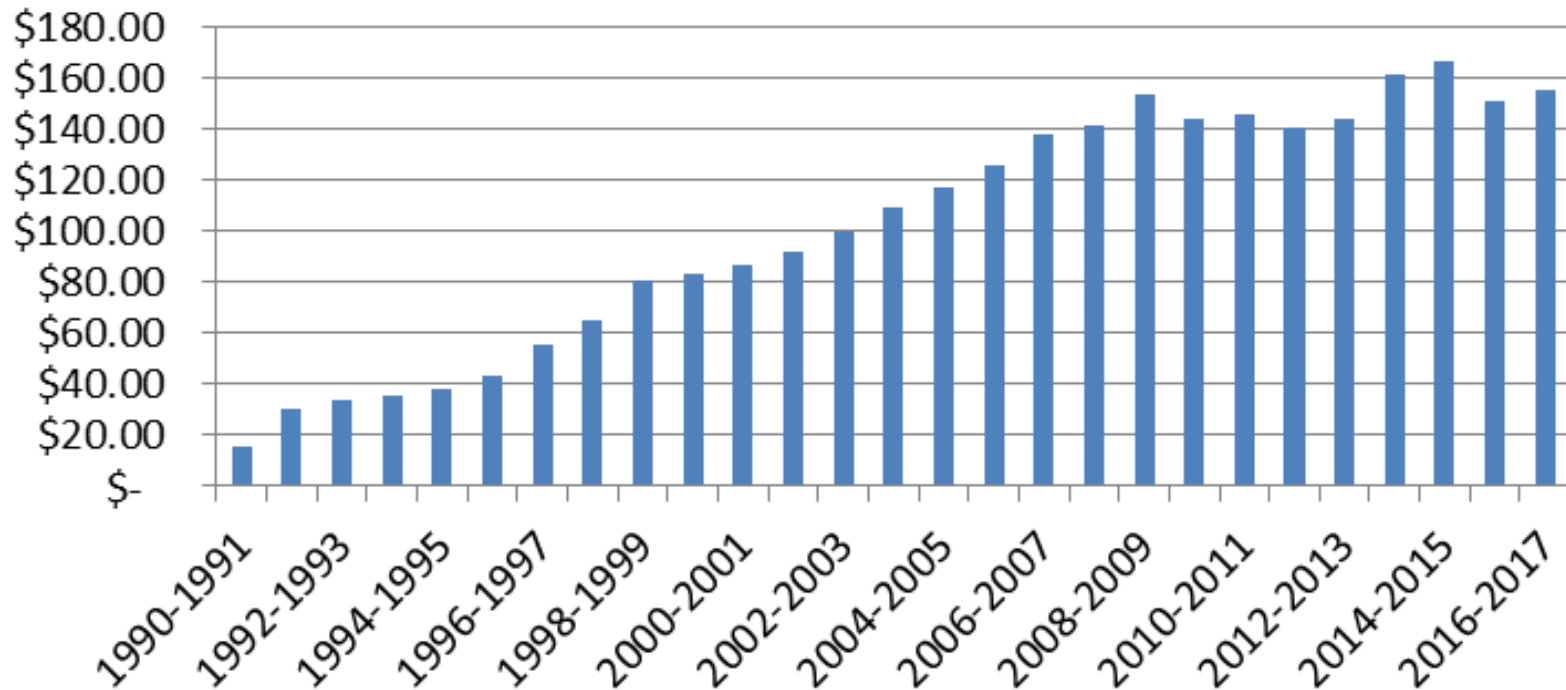
# CSR Policy Provisions: History

- ❑ 1987-1988: Interim Legislative Study
- ❑ 1989 Legislature: CSR Act is enacted
- ❑ GOAL Class-Sizes:
  - ✓ Primary Grades – 15:1
  - ✓ Grades 4-6 – 22:1
  - ✓ Grades 7-12 – 25:1



# CSR Policy Provisions: Funding History

Legislatively Approved Funding for the CSR Program  
(Funding in Millions)  
TOTAL \$2.80 Billion



# **CSR Policy Provisions: Regular Class-Sizes**

**Senate Bill 515**

**(Chapter 537, *Statutes of Nevada*, 2015)**

**Increase One Pupil in Grades 1-3**

**✓ Grades 1 & 2: 17:1**

**✓ Grade 3: 20:1**

# **CSR Policy Provisions: Alternative Class-Sizes**

## **NRS 388.720**

**Provides flexibility in implementing pupil-to-teacher ratios in grades 1 through 6 for school districts other than Clark and Washoe Counties.**

- ✓ Grades 1 through 3: 22:1**
- ✓ Grades 4 through 6: 25:1**

# CSR Policy Provisions: Kindergarten Class-Sizes

Senate Bill 515

(Chapter 537, Statutes of Nevada, 2015)

NRS 388.720

✓ 21:1 Ratio



# **CSR Policy Provisions: Plans**

## **NRS 388.720**

- Each school district, with recognized associations representing educational personnel, must develop a CSR Plan, within the limits of available financial support. The Plan is submitted to the State Board for review and approval, as appropriate.**
  
- The State Board must approve a CSR Plan if it:**
  - ✓ **Reduces the pupil-to-teacher ratio in the elementary schools; and**
  - ✓ **Is fiscally neutral, such that the plan will not cost more to carry out than a plan that complies with the prescribed/funded ratios.**



# CSR Policy Provisions: Variances

## NRS 388.700

- ❑ A variance must be requested from the State Board if one or more elementary school in a school district exceeds the approved pupil-to-teacher ratio. The variance must include the reasons for the request and justification.
- ❑ The State Board may grant a variance for good cause, including the lack of available financial support specifically set aside for the CSR.
- ❑ The State Board, on a quarterly basis, submits a report to the Interim Finance Committee on variances.
- ❑ **NOTE:** The State Board will not receive variance requests for kindergarten ratios to exceed class-sizes of 21:1. A principal of a school may request from the school district superintendent to exceed the ratio of 21:1 up to 25:1.

# **CSR Data: CSR Plans**

**FY 2016**

**Focus of CSR Plans:**

**Decrease Variance Requests in High  
Need Schools**

**(i.e., Low Performing, High ELL, High  
Poverty)**

# **CSR Data: CSR Plans**

**FY 2016**

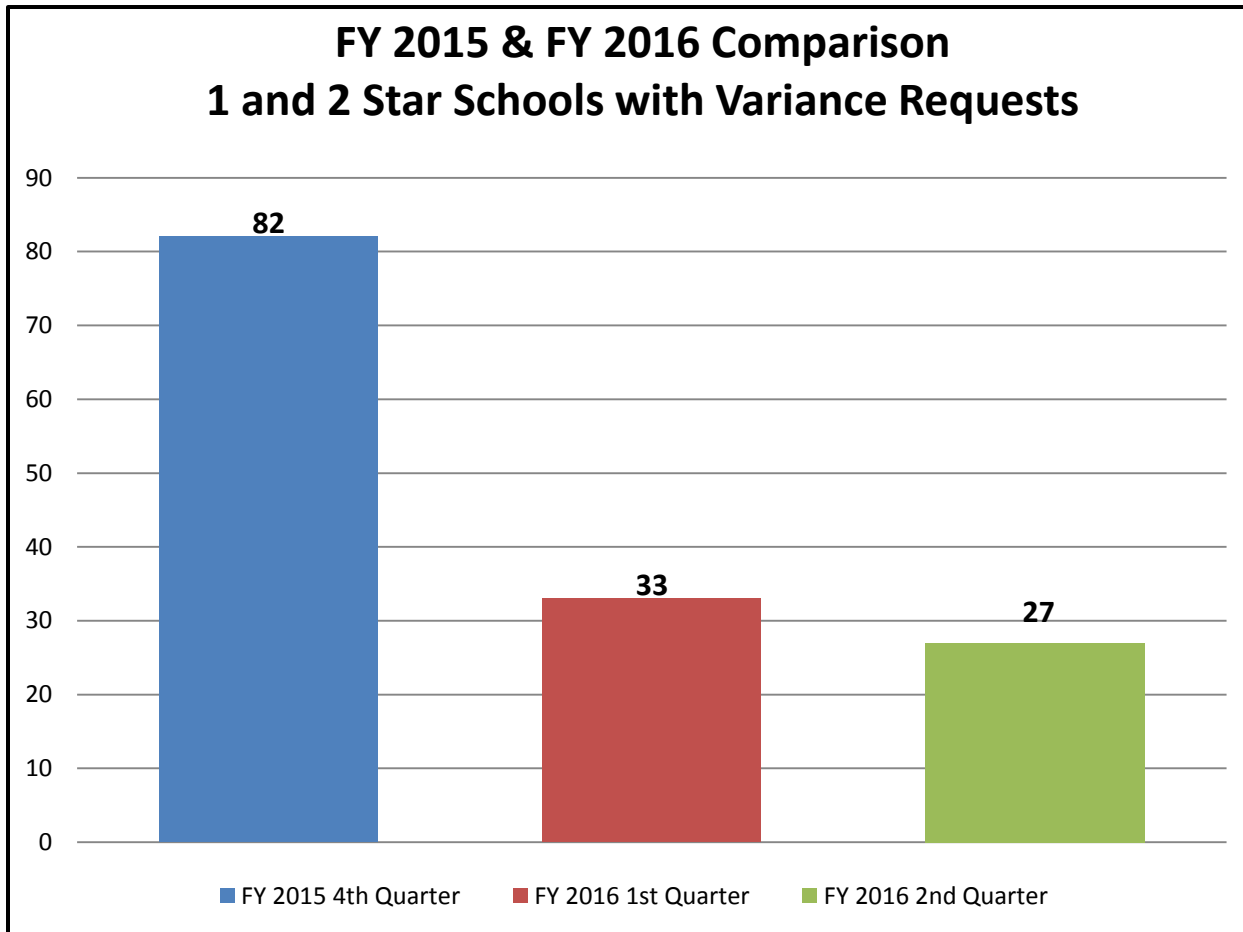
**Focus of CSR Plans:**

**Most CSR Plans decreased variance requests in 1 and 2-Star schools**



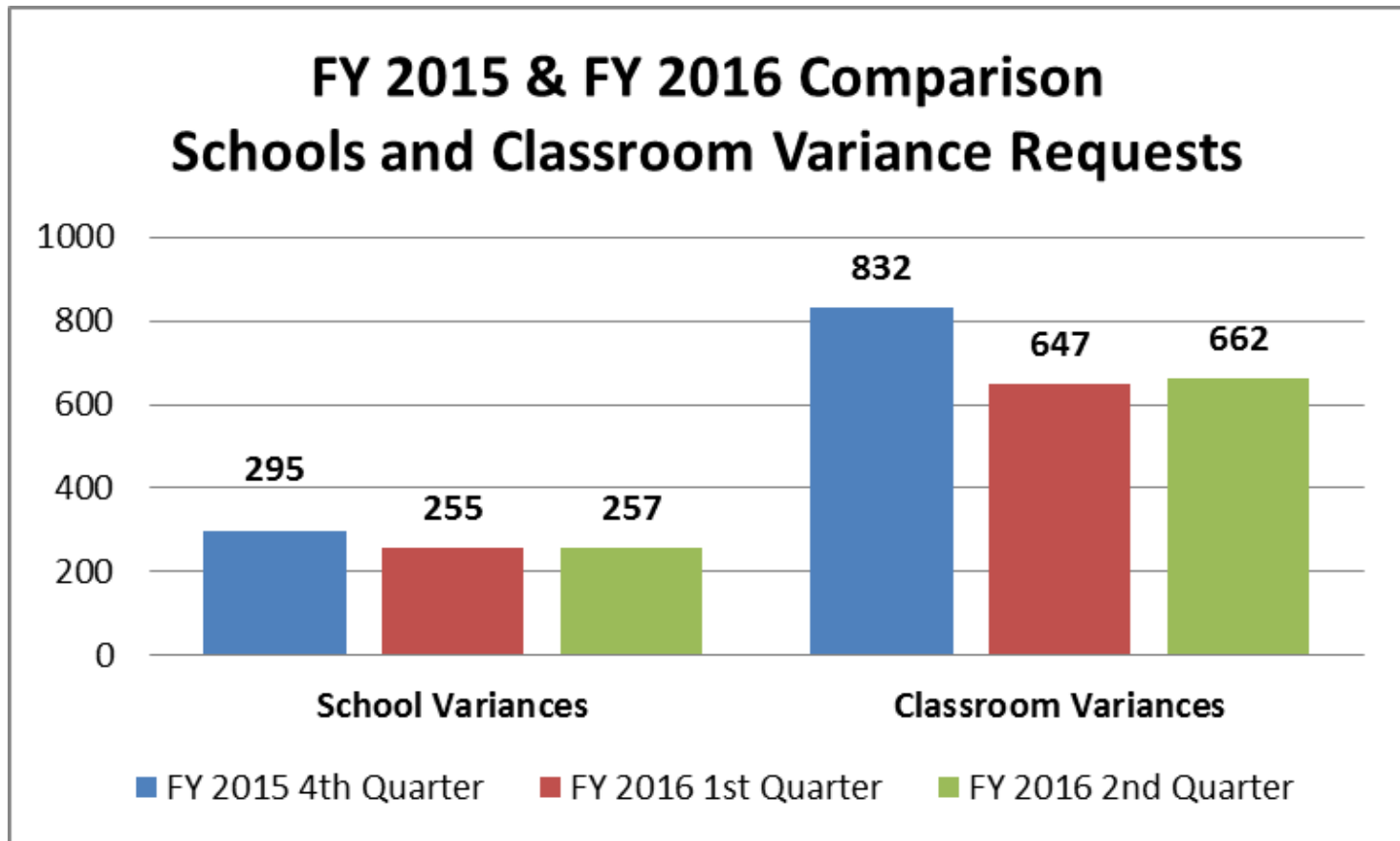
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## School Level Data Variances in 1 and 2-Star Schools

School District	1st Quarter Number of 1 and 2 Star Schools with Variances/ Total Eligible Schools	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Number of 1 and 2 Star Schools with Variances/ Total Eligible Schools
Churchill County School District	2/3 (67%)	2/3 (67%)
Clark County School District	13/217 (6%)	10/217 (4%)
Elko County School District		3/12 (25%)
Humboldt County School District	1/8 (13%)	
Nye County School District	6/12 (50%)	6/12 (50%)
Washoe County School District	9/62 (15%)	4/62 (6%)
White Pine County School District	2/4 (50%)	2 /4 (50%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23/306 (11%)</b>	<b>27/310(8%)</b>

# **CSR Data: Variance Requests**

## **Kindergarten**

### **Remote and Rural Schools with Class-Sizes Over 25:1**

- ✓ **McGill Elementary in White Pine County School District (27:1 ratio): For the second quarter, the ratio was high due to difficulty in hiring a teacher.**
- ✓ **Riverview Elementary in Lyon County School District (26:1). The ratio was high due to an unexpected increase in enrollment for sixth grade.**

# CSR Data: Variance Requests

## Kindergarten Charter Schools

- ✓ Of 29 charter schools with full-day kindergarten, 14 are over the recommended 21:1 pupil-teacher ratio and have received governing body approval for the variances.
- ✓ Five charter schools were over the 25:1 ratio in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and will be put on a payment plan to return funds.
- ✓ Four charter schools are over the 25:1 ratio and will not receive funds for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.



# CSR Data: Variance Requests

1st Quarter FY16	
Charter Schools	Pupil-Teacher Ratio
Bailey Charter Elementary School	24
Doral Academy Cactus	25
Doral Academy Fire Mesa	25
Doral Academy Saddle	25
Explore Knowledge Academy	22
Founders Academy	26
Imagine School at Mountain View	30
Innovations International Charter School	25
Mater Academy of Nevada	25
Nevada Connections Academy	46
Nevada Virtual Academy	35
Pinecrest Academy Inspirada	25
Pinecrest Academy St Rose	25
Pinecrest Academy Horizon	25
Rainbow Dreams Academy	25
Quest Academy Preparatory Education Alexander	22
Quest Academy Preparatory Education Torry Pine	26
Silver Sands Montessori Charter School	24
Somerset Academy of Las Vegas N LV	25
Somerset Academy of Las Vegas Lone Mtn	25
Somerset Academy of Las Vegas Losee	25
Somerset Academy of Las Vegas SKyPoint	25
Somerset Academy of Las Vegas Stephanie	25

2nd Quarter FY16	
Charter School	Pupil-Teacher Ratio
Bailey Charter Elementary School	23
Doral Academy Cactus	25
Doral Academy Saddle	25
Doral Academy Fire Mesa	25
Elko Institute for Academic Achievement	22
Explore Knowledge Academy	22
Founders Academy	25
Imagine School at Mountain View	30
Innovations International Charter School	25
Mater Academy of Nevada	25
Nevada Connections Academy	33
Pinecrest Academy Horizon	25
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Schools over the 21:1 ratio
Schools over the 25:1 ratio

# **CSR Legislation: Assembly Bill 278 (Chapter 499, *Statutes of Nevada*, 2015)**

**Requires the Department to:**

- **Develop Policies and Procedures**
- **Monitor CSR Plans**
- **Monitor Quarterly CSR Reports**
- **Review Variance Requests**
- **Distribute Funding (Transparency)**

# **CSR Legislation: Assembly Bill 278 (Chapter 499, *Statutes of Nevada*, 2015)**

**Requires the Department to provide  
Guidance to School Districts on:**

- **Development of CSR Plans (outline and examples)**
- **Provision of Data (Reduction of Variances and Impact on Other Grades)**
- **Development of CSR Reports**
- **Distribute Funding (number of teachers to employ & other funding requirements)**

## **CSR Legislation: Assembly Bill 278 (Chapter 499, *Statutes of Nevada*, 2015)**

**Requires the Audit Division of the  
Legislative Counsel Bureau to:**

- **Audit school district use of CSR funding during the 2013-2015 biennium.**
- **Examine the “Plus-Two Program”**
- **Report to the Audit Subcommittee on or before February 2017.**

## **CSR Program**

# Questions?

