

## MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

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

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, March 21, 2012  
8:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Legislative Building, Room 3137  
401 South Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada

Note: Some members of the Committee may be attending the meeting and other persons may observe the meeting and provide testimony through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the following location:

Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Room 4412  
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Las Vegas, Nevada

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**Note: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed. Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration. An item may be removed from this agenda or discussion relating to an item on this agenda may be delayed at any time.**

- I. Opening Remarks  
Assemblyman David P. Bobzien, Chair
- II. 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.)**

*For  
Possible  
Action*

- III. Discussion of Nevada's Application for Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility
  - A. Presentation of the Elements Contained in Nevada's Application  
Keith W. Rheault, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada's Department of Education (NDE)  
Rorie Fitzpatrick, Interim Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Research and Evaluative Services, NDE
  - B. Recommendations for Potential Revisions to the *Nevada Revised Statutes* Based Upon the Elements Contained in Nevada's Application  
Keith W. Rheault, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, NDE  
Rorie Fitzpatrick, Interim Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Research and Evaluative Services, NDE

- C. Discussion of the Potential Cost to the State of Nevada in Implementing the Proposed Federal ESEA Flexibility Criteria  
Keith W. Rheault, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, NDE  
Rorie Fitzpatrick, Interim Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Research and Evaluative Services, NDE
- D. Discussion of the Potential Impact of the Federal ESEA Flexibility Criteria on Student Academic Achievement and the Program of Accountability for School Districts  
Staff Representatives of the Clark County School District (CCSD)  
Staff Representatives of the Washoe County School District (WCSD)  
Caroline B. McIntosh, President, Nevada Association of School Superintendents

*For Possible Action*

- IV. Presentations on High School Examinations
  - A. Report on High School Exit Examinations, Including College and Career Readiness Assessments, in Other States  
Jennifer Dounay Zinth, Senior Policy Analyst, Education Commission of the States
  - B. Discussion of Alternative Examinations to Nevada’s High School Proficiency Examination  
Carol Crothers, Director, Office of Assessments, Program Accountability and Curriculum, NDE  
Staff Representatives of the CCSD  
Staff Representatives of the WCSD
  - C. Presentation Concerning the Administration of the College and Career Readiness Assessments Developed by the American College Test in the Lyon County School District  
Caroline B. McIntosh, Superintendent of Schools, Lyon County School District

*For Possible Action*

- V. Status of Nevada’s Participation in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium
  - A. Presentation of the Proposed Assessment System and Timeline for Implementation  
Carol Crothers, Director, Office of Assessments, Program Accountability and Curriculum, NDE
  - B. Discussion of the Infrastructure Required to Support the Proposed Assessment System  
Glenn Meyer, Director, Information Technology, NDE

*For Possible Action*

- VI. Recommendations for the Consolidation or Elimination of Certain Education Reports Required by Statute  
Keith W. Rheault, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, NDE
- VII. Public Comment  
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- VIII. Adjournment

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