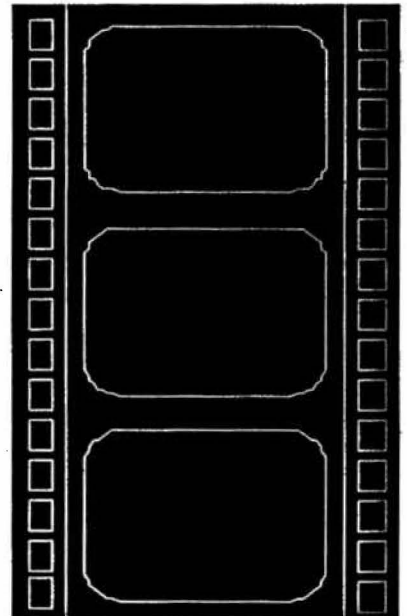
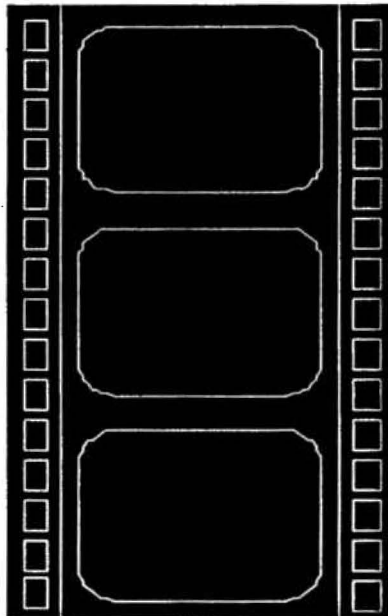
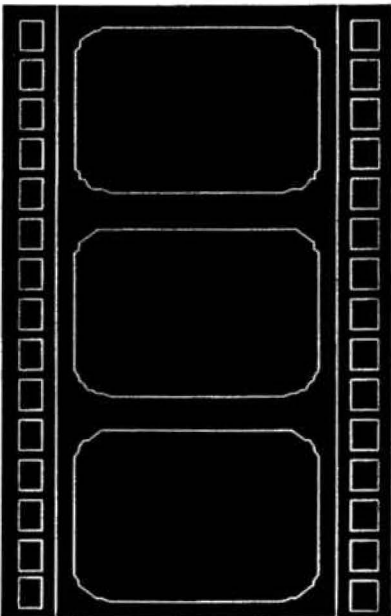


SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

A.B. 151





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January 31, 1977

State Senator Norman Glaser
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Dear Norm,

As I indicated to you the last time you were at the office before the Legislature started, I would probably write concerning some of the bills that have been introduced in the Assembly. The purpose of this would be to make you aware should these bills get out of Committee and pass the Assembly.

The first is A.B. 151. It was introduced by the Committee on Education and referred to the Committee on Education January 25, 1977. This has to do with the elementary school counseling program. There is no question that counseling on the elementary level can play an important part in the education of the youth in the State of Nevada. However, this counseling must be well controlled and not permitted to get out of hand such as secondary counseling has.

First of all, this bill is suggesting categorical aid for elementary counseling. The only categorical aid in the formula at the present time is the handicapped program, and the more the Legislature reacts to pressures of individual groups and creates and establishes categorical aid, the more they are going to be pressured from lobbyist groups regarding other matters of education. For this reason, I feel that this bill is not good for the total educational picture. In addition, I think that before the Legislature takes any action regarding this matter, a thorough study of the course work for elementary counseling should be undertaken, and if it is not student oriented, this would be one more reason for defeating the bill.

It is my experience that these pretraining programs for counselors, on both the elementary and secondary levels, are inadequate and are not doing what they are designed to do. Your consideration regarding this matter would be greatly appreciated.

January 31, 1977

I would also like to call your attention to A.B. 156 which was sent to the Committee on Governmental Affairs on January 16. This bill has to do with the retirement system and increases the gross amount of earning of a retired person.

At the present time, the law provides that persons receiving benefits of retirement compensation from the Public Employees Retirement System may return to employment for the State of Nevada, or a political subdivision, during any one fiscal year without forfeiture of retirement benefits until they have earned a gross amount of \$3600. This bill proposes to increase the limitation from \$3600 annually to \$6000 annually.

I would say that before this bill could be given serious consideration, the total implications over a period of years must be studied. It would be my contention, seeing what has happened in the last few years as far as increases, that the same thing could happen to the State of Nevada and its retirement system that has happened to the Federal government and its retirement system and employment practices.

It is my firm belief that people retired from a governmental service on the Federal level should not be employed by another Federal agency and similarly members retired under the Nevada Public Employees Retirement System should not be eligible for employment for the State of Nevada or any of its political subdivisions.

Your consideration to these two bills will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Zander
Superintendent

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JOSEPH G. NEWLIN, Executive Director
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February 28, 1977

Assemblyman John Vergiels
Nevada State Legislature
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear John:

NSEA endorses the Nevada Plan as a means of distributing appropriated resources from the Distributive School Fund to the 17 county school districts in order to provide reasonably equal educational opportunities to the students of each school district. The Plan by itself does not generate funds. The Legislature establishes the basic state support rate and then sets the necessary appropriation level.

The Plan has certain identified components which taken together establishes a ratio for each school district which is then multiplied by the state basic support rate to yield the dollar value assigned to each average daily membership (ADM) for the county. The county school district received funds from the Distributive School Fund based on actual ADM and the dollars received may then be spent by the local school board on those educational priorities which have been developed for the school district. Thus, the Nevada Plan allows the maximum of local flexibility in spending appropriate funds.

The Nevada Plan, then, supplies funds to each local school district on a non-categorical basis. We support this approach to school funding for the school districts of Nevada and would oppose the creation of a myriad of educational programs funded on a categorical basis from the Distributive School Fund.

The request for elementary school counselors, AB 151, is an exception to our over all position.

If you have further questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Paul Ghilarducci

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February 18, 1977

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Chairman and Members of the Assembly Committee on
Education

FROM: Donald A. Rhodes, *Chief Deputy Research Director*

SUBJECT: Washoe County Community School

This is in response to your committee's request for background information on the Washoe County Community School, which shares the facilities of the George Dilworth Middle School located at 255 Prater Way in Sparks, Nevada.

I called Mr. Marvin Moss, with the Washoe County School District, and obtained the following data about the school:

1. The school has had 3,600 students, ranging in age from 7 to 70, attend its programs.
2. The school has had 75 instructors which have either taught classes or been involved in its programs.
3. Instructors are recruited based on skills or talents needed to teach classes which have been requested.
4. The school operates under a lay advisory committee comprised of businessmen, housewives, Junior Chamber of Commerce members and the parents of children who attend the middle school.
5. Classes and programs have included:
 - (a) Academic enrichment

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- (b) Socialization
 - (c) Physical recreation
 - (d) Basic education
 - (e) Personal interest topics (i.e., hair styling, lapidary).
6. Approximately 20 programs are being conducted at present.
 7. Programs are established based on the community's needs as identified in survey results.
 8. Other organizations offering classes or programs have included the YMCA, Sparks Recreation Department and the community college, which has offered college credit courses.
 9. The school district has put \$4,400 in the community school this year to pay the salary of a part-time coordinator to supervise the building's use and assist with the school's various programs.
 10. The school has collected \$1,550 in student fees, which have been used to pay instructors.
 11. The community school is operated during evening hours; however, a proposal has been submitted to extend its operation to summer months.
 12. Student interns from Brigham Young University, on a special grant program from the university, have been used during the last 2 years to assist in operating the school's programs. These students are not available this year.

Mr. Moss says he would be happy to come to Carson City to describe the Washoe County Community School to the education committee, if the committee so desires.

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February 25, 1977

Assemblyman John Vergiels
Chairman, Education Committee
State Capitol
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Assemblyman Vergiels:

Three issues in A.B. 151 on Elementary Counseling appear in need of amendment. Please consider them during your action session of Monday, February 28, 1977.

1. On page 4, line 34:

"The [maximum] pupil-teacher ratio in any elementary school counseling program unit [shall be] should not exceed 500 pupils to 1 counselor."

Discussion: It is our opinion that "should" would be permissive whereas "shall" would be binding. Such wording could allow assigning one counselor to a school which has more than 500 students.

2. On page 3, line 27:

"As used in this subsection, 'elementary school counseling program unit' means an organized program which includes [full-time] services of a certificated employee providing a program in accordance with section 1 of this act."

Discussion: Full-time services may be unduly restrictive for rural county schools or large schools which may want someone to teach part-time while remaining in the school. Full-time services for a small school would require a counselor to travel between schools, sometimes over great distances at great expense in time that could be better given in direct service.

3. On page 5, line 37:

(c) 'Apportionment computed on a yearly basis shall consist of the difference between the basic support as computed in paragraph (a) of this subsection and the local funds available as computed in paragraph (b) of this subsection, but no apportionment shall [may] be less than 10 percent of basic support.'

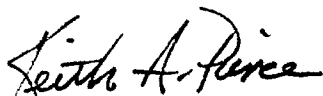
Discussion: Restoring the binding wording "shall" versus "may" has been requested by the UNLV Special Education Department. The permissive wording could erode important funding, according to them.

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I hope that these suggested amendments will meet your approval and that A.B. 151 will leave your committee with a Do Pass as Amended recommendation. The courtesy and helpfulness of your committee in this important effort is greatly appreciated.

On Friday, February 25, the State Board of Education, meeting in Las Vegas, voted without dissent to endorse A.B. 151 if funding was as we proposed - above the basic school formula. We think that this action is a special expression of confidence in the merit of elementary school counselors and our proposal.

Sincerely,



Keith A. Pierce, D.Ed.
Nevada Personnel and Guidance
Association, Representative

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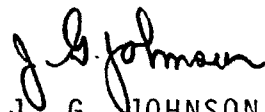
March 1, 1977

Assemblyman John Vergiels, Chairman
Assembly Education Committee
Legislative Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Dear John:

Regarding A.B. 151, if adding counselors to the School Districts would cause a decrease in the amount of basic support for the districts I would be basically opposed. I am basically opposed to categorical funding of individual programs in the school curriculum but do feel the need for additional counselors.

Sincerely,



J. G. JOHNSON, Superintendent
Nye County School District

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