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Nevada Association of School Superintendents' response to report of Nevada's low education funding levels

NASS President, Dr. Jesus F. Jara, issued the following statement on behalf of the association:

Nevada's superintendents remain unified in their continued advocacy for Nevada's students as indicated in <u>iNVest</u>, and urge state leaders and legislators to optimally fund education for Nevada's children. The Commission on School Funding, created through legislative action, identified the abysmal funding levels currently allocated for education across the state and once again declared it woefully inadequate.

Every measure by every organization, including the <u>Education Law Center</u>, reaches the same conclusion: Nevada funds education at the bottom of the 50 states, and the education budget is the lowest percentage of Nevada's statewide budget in history. As Nevada's leaders and families expect better academic outcomes for their children, funding must be optimal and in line with expectations. Breaking up districts or continuing to underpay educators are not strategies for success, and as a result, Nevada's children bear the brunt of inadequate funding.

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