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GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM #18-02

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Steve Canavero, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Public Instruction 

SUBJECT: Designation of Zoom Schools for the 2018-19 School Year

This memorandum provides clarification on the designation of Zoom schools in Clark and Washoe County School Districts for the 2018-2019 school year. It also provides guidance for charter schools and districts other than Clark and Washoe that receive SB 390 funds.

Clark and Washoe County School Districts

In accordance with language approved by the 2017 Nevada State Legislature, for the 2017-2019 biennium, Clark and Washoe County School Districts are to continue to designate the Zoom schools that were served in the 2015-17 biennium.

Senate Bill 390, Section 1.1 states: *The elementary schools identified to operate as Zoom elementary schools by the Board of Trustees of the Clark County School District and the Board of Trustees of the Washoe County School District for the 2015-2017 biennium shall continue to operate as Zoom elementary schools for the 2017-2019 biennium.*

Senate Bill 390, Section 1.5 states: *The middle schools, junior high schools or high schools identified to operate as Zoom middle schools, junior high schools or high schools by the Board of Trustees of the Clark County School District and the Board of Trustees of the Washoe County School District for the 2015-2017 biennium shall continue to operate as Zoom middle schools, junior high schools and high schools, as applicable, for the 2017-2019 biennium.*

Charter Schools and Districts other than Clark and Washoe

For the 2017-2019 biennium, charter schools and districts (other than Clark and Washoe) are to determine the number of English learners and provide a description of the programs and services

that will be provided using the SB 390 funding. The NDE-prescribed application process has districts and charter schools identify the schools/sites where the SB 390 programs and services are to be provided.

Senate Bill 390, Section 8 states: *From the money appropriated by the 2017 Legislature to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation for Zoom schools or charter schools or school districts other than the Clark County School District or Washoe County School District, the Department of Education shall provide grants of money to the sponsors of such charter schools and the school districts. The sponsor of such a charter school and the board of trustees of such a school district may submit an application to the Department on a form prescribed by the Department that includes, without limitation:*

(a) The number of pupils in the school district or charter school, as applicable, who are English learners or eligible for designation as English learners; and

(b) A description of the programs and services the school district or charter school, as applicable, will provide with a grant of money, which may include, without limitation: (for list of allowable programs and services, see SB 390, Section 8.1-7)

Zoom schools that realized increases in student achievement resulting in 3-Star, 4-Star, and 5-Star ratings under the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) will continue their Zoom school designation for the 2018-2019 school year.

For additional information, please contact Karl Wilson, Education Programs Supervisor – English Learner Services karlwilson@doe.nv.gov.