



Nevada Legislature

August 18, 2023

Jhone Ebert, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Nevada Department of Education
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Dear Superintendent Ebert:

In closing the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Account, the money committees identified various items associated with the funding plan that they wished to be further reviewed and studied. Accordingly, it is the intent of the Senate Committee on Finance and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means that the Nevada Department of Education work with the Commission on School Funding to study the following topics over the 2023-24 Interim:

- A review of and recommended changes to the Nevada Cost of Education Index so a cost adjustment factor may be applied to the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan in future biennia as specified in *Nevada Revised Statutes* 387.1215.
- A review of the effect and development of recommendations on providing school districts receiving FY 2020 baseline funding with the statewide base per pupil funding amount for their online schools.
- A review of the use of the Grad Score for the funding plan and its effectiveness in identifying at-risk pupils.
- A review of the English learner weighted funding to determine if it would be an allowable use of these funds by school districts and charter schools to establish and operate dual language programs or determine the legislative changes necessary to do so.
- A determination of the recommended weight that would be required if a new dual language program weight was to be established for the plan.

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The Nevada Department of Education should provide a report detailing its findings to the Interim Finance Committee no later than August 1, 2024.

Sincerely,



Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair
Assembly Committee on Ways and Means



Marilyn Dondero Loop, Chair
Senate Committee on Finance

cc. Ben Kieckhefer, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
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