## **Advisory Council for Family Engagement**

July 1, 2018 – **Present** 

The reconstituted Council, as of January 2018, has been effective in carrying out its duties as prescribed in NRS 385.620. The Council met 2 times in 2018. It is the Council's expectation that Nevada will become a national leader in family engagement initiatives and results.

Pursuant to NRS 385.620, the Advisory Council for Parent Involvement and Family Engagement shall:

- 1. Review the policy of parental involvement adopted by the State Board and the policy of parental involvement and family engagement adopted by the board of trustees of each school district pursuant to NRS 392.457;
- 2. Review the information relating to communication with and participation, involvement and engagement of parents and families that is included in the annual report of accountability for each school district pursuant to NRS 385A.320 and similar information in the annual report of accountability prepared by the State Public Charter School Authority, the Achievement School District and a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 385A.070;
- 3. Review any effective practices carried out in individual school districts to increase parental involvement and family engagement and determine the feasibility of carrying out those practices on a statewide basis;
- 4. Review any effective practices carried out in other states to increase parental involvement and family engagement and determine the feasibility of carrying out those practices in this State:
- 5. Identify methods to communicate effectively and provide outreach to parents, legal guardians and families of pupils who have limited time to become involved in the education of their children for various reasons, including, without limitation, work schedules, single parent homes, and other family obligations;

In February 2018, the Nevada Achievement School District (NV ASD) presented to the Council an update on the current status of the NV ASD and the new parent petition process. The PIFE Office and members of the Council gave input on the parent petition process and how to improve its communication and outreach to parents. In the future, the NV ASD will look to include a member of the Council in the independent review committee that provides recommendations from the NV ASD applicant pool.

- 6. Identify the manner in which the level of parental involvement and family engagement affects the performance, attendance and discipline of pupils;
- 7. Identify methods to communicate effectively with and provide outreach to parents, legal guardians and families of pupils who are limited English proficient;
- 8. Determine the necessity for the appointment of a statewide parental involvement and family engagement coordinator or a parental involvement and family engagement coordinator in each school district, or both;
- 9. Work in collaboration with the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement created by NRS 385.630 to carry out the duties prescribed in NRS 385.635;
- 10. On or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, submit a report to the Director of

the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the Legislative Commission in evennumbered years, describing the activities of the Advisory Council and any recommendations for legislation.

 $Recommendations for \ legislation:$ 

Conclusion