



NEPF Liaison Update

May 2021

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The NEPF Liaison Update will be published periodically and is designed to provide comprehensive and timely information.*

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In alignment with [NRS Chapter 391.485](#), the Department provided NEPF Liaisons with links to both the teacher and administrator 2020-21 NEPF Implementation Surveys. NEPF Liaisons should have distributed the surveys to teachers and administrators in their districts beginning in March, with survey completion due by July 16, 2021. Furthermore, the Department will conduct annual interviews with NEPF Liaisons/LEA's in August/September. Data collected will be used by the Department for monitoring and continuous improvement, as well as to identify additional supports that NDE can provide to LEAs to advance the goals of the NEPF. A summary of survey results and interview data will be reported to the Teachers and Leaders Council during the fall meeting.

TLC Updates

The Teachers and Leaders Council (TLC) is a sixteen-member public body tasked with making recommendations to the State Board of Education to ensure that teachers, administrators, and other licensed educational personnel are evaluated using a statewide evaluation system that focuses on student achievement, improving instructional practices, and meaningful professional growth. There are still two open positions on the Teachers and Leaders Council: NDE is working to fill the 2nd school board trustee position and the 2nd Education Policy position. All other positions are currently filled.

During the last TLC meeting on April 28, 2021, council members discussed 2021 legislative session recommendations that could have an impact on the NEPF.

- The first bill discussed was AB 57, a bill that seeks to temporarily change the student performance domain weight to 0% starting with this school year through the 2022-23 school year (NRS 391.465). The weight would return to 15% starting with the 2023-24 school year. The bill was passed as amended by the Assembly Committee on Education, and it was heard by the Senate Committee on Education, but no action has been taken. During the TLC meeting, a motion was made to support this bill, but the motion did not pass.
- The second bill discussed was AB 266, section 4 of this bill proposes that a teacher, whose overall ratio of pupils exceeds the applicable recommended ratios of pupils per licensed teacher as prescribed by the State Board (1-15 for grades K-3 and 1-25 for grades 4-12 except for choir, orchestra, and band), should receive the score the teacher awarded to himself or herself on the self-evaluation on any criteria that are directly affected by class size. CCEA proposed an amendment to assign an additional weight applied to instructional practice standards 2.1, 3.1, and 3.4 equivalent to the percentage that exceeds the applicable recommended ratios of pupils in the following indicators. NDE, working with the Bill sponsor, proposed awarding a 1-point bump on PRS 4 and/or 5, not to exceed a score of 4 on any indicator. The bill was passed as amended by the Assembly Committee on Education, and it was

heard by the Senate Committee on Education, but no action has been taken. During the TLC meeting, a motion was made to oppose this bill, but the motion did not pass.

- The next bill discussed was SB 76, a bill that provides for the renaming of the Teachers and Leaders Council to the Teachers and Leaders Advisory Council to clarify TLC’s primary role of providing nonbinding advice and assistance to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Board, and Department in the exercise of their duties. There is a proposed amendment to revise the nomination process of the 4 teacher representatives, changing NSEA nominations from 4 to 3 and adding one nomination by the largest employee organization representing the largest number of teachers in the largest district in the state. The bill was passed as amended by the Senate Committee on Education and heard by the Senate Finance Committee, but no action has been taken. TLC did not take a position on this bill.
- Finally, the Council was updated on the status of SB 120, a bill that proposed that certain principals are employed at will and required certain post-probationary school administrators to apply for reappointment to their administrative positions. (The bill failed to pass the Senate.)

Legislative Updates

There are two bills proposed during the current legislative session that may significantly impact the NEPF (see above for specific details). The current legislative session, however, does not end until early June. If either of the bills pass and changes to the NEPF are required, NDE will notify district NEPF Liaisons.

For the most up-to-date information on these bills, please visit the links below:

[AB 57](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7310/Overview): <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7310/Overview>

[AB 266](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7733/Overview): <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7733/Overview>

Future TLC and Liaison Meeting Dates

TLC meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month at 9 A.M. Corresponding NEPF Liaison meetings will be held the following Monday at 10 A.M.

Teachers and Leaders Council	NEPF Liaisons
June 23, 2021	June 28, 2021

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