



NEPF Liaison Update

September 2021

*Effective educators serving all students is a Nevada priority. Effectiveness starts with being informed.
The NEPF Liaison Update will be published periodically and is designed to provide comprehensive and timely information.*

Teachers and Leaders Council (TLC) Updates

The TLC, the public body tasked with making recommendations to the State Board of Education on the statewide evaluation system, met on August 25, 2021.

TLC currently has 4 open positions: parent representative nominated by the Nevada Parent Teacher Association (PTA), teacher representative nominated by Nevada State Education Association (NSEA), and two district school board trustee representatives nominated by Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB). The Department is working with the appropriate organizations to have those positions filled.

Council members received Nevada Education Performance Framework (NEPF) implementation updates. Significant changes were made to the system for the 2020-21 as a result of the 2021 Legislative term, specifically Assembly Bill (AB) 57 and AB 266 (see details below).

Council members also received a summary of NEPF educator effectiveness ratings for the 2020-21 school year. After a review of the data, TLC determined recommended cut scores for the summative evaluation ratings for the 2021-22 school year. TLC's recommendations will be presented to the State Board of Education this fall for final approval.

Nevada Educator Performance Framework (NEPF) Updates

The 2021 Legislative session ended with the passage of two bills that directly impact the NEPF: AB 57 and AB 266. AB 57 requires that pupil growth account for zero percent of the evaluation of a teacher or administrator who provides direct instructional services to pupils at a school in a school district for the 2021-22 school year. Section 4 of AB 266 awards a post-probationary teacher, whose performance on an evaluation is designated as effective or highly effective, an additional weight equivalent to the percentage by which the ratio of pupils for which the teacher is responsible exceeds the State Board of Education (SBE) recommended ratio of pupils per licensed teacher on certain criteria ([NRS 391.465](#)) beginning with the 2021-22 school year. Guidance Memo [21-04](#) was provided by the State to district superintendents on August 6, 2021.

Resource documents and summative evaluation tools have been revised to reflect the changes and are posted on the Nevada Department of Education's website.

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The Department met with district NEPF Liaisons on August 30, 2021. Liaisons were provided with additional guidance for implementing the changes required by the passage of AB 57 and AB 266. In addition, the Department will be hosting a series of 4 webinars to provide additional guidance for implementation to any interested participants. Webinars will be held on September 15, 20, 22, and 24. Anyone interested in attending can register for the webinars at https://bit.ly/NEPF_LegChanges_2021. The webinar will be recorded and available for playback at a later date for anyone who is unable to attend the live sessions.

The Department has also created a series of NEPF Canvas courses for educators. Courses are currently being piloted, but they should be available to educators statewide this fall. In addition, the Department is working with the Nevada Regional Professional Development Programs to provide professional learning opportunities to assist district and school personnel in understanding and implementing the revisions to the Nevada Educator Performance Framework for teachers and school administrators.

In alignment with [NRS Chapter 391.485](#), the Department is conducting annual interviews with NEPF Liaisons/LEA's in September to review data collected by the teacher and administrator 2020-21 NEPF Implementation Surveys. Survey and interview data will be used to identify additional supports that the Department can provide to LEAs to advance the goals of the NEPF.

Future TLC and Liaison Meeting Dates

TLC meetings are generally held the last Wednesday of the month at 9 A.M (except as otherwise indicated*).
Corresponding NEPF Liaison meetings are held the following Monday at 10 A.M.

<u>Teachers and Leaders Council</u>	NEPF Liaisons
November 17, 2021*	November 22, 2021
February 23, 2022	February 28, 2022
May 18, 2022*	May 23, 2022

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