

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Alignment to State Improvement Plan (STIP)

- **Equity:** *Department participation in National Equity Project training*
- **Access to Quality:** *Device distribution, connectivity, and digital supports for educators, students, families*
- **Success:** *\$16M+ in new grant monies*
- **Inclusivity:** *District feedback in recovery decision making*
- **Community:** *Increased national involvement with remote participation*
- **Transparency:** *Maintaining open meetings and inviting stakeholders to ensure access to information and testimony*

Stakeholder Recognition

- School District Leadership
- School District Educators
- Specialized Instructional Support Personnel
- School Staff
- Public Education Foundation
- Communities in Schools
- Elaine P. Wynn & Family Foundation
- Governor's Office of Finance
- Department of Agriculture
- Office of the Attorney General
- Governor's COVID-19 Task Force
- Governor's Office of Science, Innovation, and Technology

Community Engagement

- Weekly and monthly meetings with the NV Association of School Superintendents
- Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Cabinet
- Southern Nevada Forum Education Committee
- Washoe school visits
- Clark County Black Caucus Data-Informed Town Hall
- TeachPlus Fellows
- City of Henderson: COVID-19 Impacts on Education
- Principles of Accomplished Teaching recognition of National Board Certified Teachers
- NDE Biweekly Update and Educator Update
- United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierras

Public-Private Partnerships

- ConnectingKidsNV
- Nevada Gold Mines partnership to support Discovery Education in all Nevada schools at no cost to students and educators
- Renaissance partnership to support READ Nevada with myOn at no cost to students and educators

Local & National Panels

- NDE's work was highlighted in panels and virtual events with the following groups:
 - Nevada Association of School Administrators
 - CUE-NV
 - Nevada PTA
 - Hunt Institute Homeroom Series
 - Council of Chief State School Officers Annual Policy Forum
 - Discovery Education
 - International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)
 - Education Commission of the States (ECS)
 - Discovery Education Equity Talks
 - WestEd Board of Directors Meeting

Legislative Engagement

- Bill Draft Request Topic on School Bus Safety Inspections selected by the Interim Legislative Committee on Education
- Presented recommendations from the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force to the Interim Legislative Committee on Education
- Presented updates on Education Licensure, Assessments, School Safety, Restorative Justice, School Closures and Distance Learning, Read by Grade 3, Chronic Absenteeism, and Early Learning
- Presented recommendations to the Legislature for resolving budget shortfall during Special Session

Emergency Directive Response & Implementation

To date, the Governor has issued six (6) State of Emergency Directives related to education:

- [Directive 001](#), which closed school buildings through April 6
- [Directive 005](#), which extended school building closures through April 16 and established emergency programs of distance learning
- [Directive 014](#), which extended school building closures through April 30 and created additional flexibility for schools related to academics and graduation
- [Directive 015](#), which extended school building closures through the end of the school year
- [Directive 022](#), which supported the reopening of school buildings for summer activities and laid the groundwork for reopening plans for the fall
- [Directive 028](#), which provided more detailed information about reopening requirements and expectations

Guidance, Flexibility, & Resources

- [Assessment & Accountability Guidance](#)
 - [ACT Assessment Guidance](#)
 - [Class of 2020 Graduation Guidance](#)
 - [Civics Assessment Waiver](#)
 - [Assessment Guidance for the 2020-21 School Year](#)
- [Framework for a Safe, Efficient & Equitable Return to School Buildings \(El camino hacia adelante de Nevada \(un marco\)\)](#)
 - [Guidance Memo #20-05](#) regarding Path Forward Programs of Distance Education
 - [Guidance Memo #20-07](#) related to attendance coding for the 2020-21 school year
 - [Summer Learning and Activities Guidance](#)
 - [CTE Resource Guide](#)
- Educator Development & Support Guidance
 - [Licensure Services during COVID-19 Updated](#)
 - [Nevada Educator Performance Framework Guidance](#)
- Compliance & Fiscal Guidance
 - [Charter Schools COVID-19 Grant Extension Guidance Memo](#)
 - [Guidance Regarding Calendar Revisions](#) for the 2019-20 School Year
- [COVID-19 Guidance for Federal Titles Programs under ESSA and McKinney-Vento](#)
- [Ongoing Response to School Building Closures in Nevada](#)

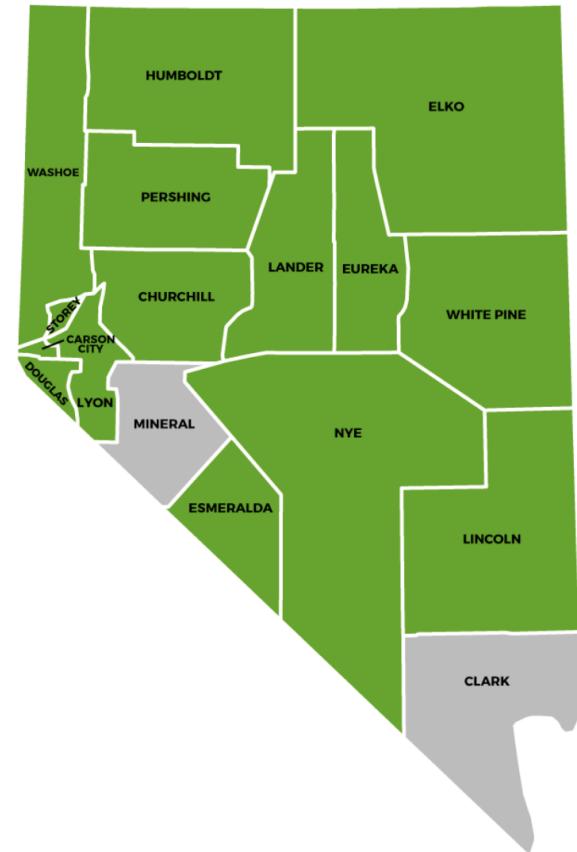
Inclusivity for Student Groups

- [English Language Learners \(ELL\) Resources](#)
 - [REVISED COVID-19 and ELs Provisional Identification Guidance Memo](#)
 - [COVID-19 Guidance Memo](#)
 - [NV Provisional EL Identification Procedure](#)
- [Students with Disabilities Resources](#)
 - [Questions and Answers for Providing Services to Children with Disabilities](#)
 - [Supplemental Fact Sheet on Serving Children with Disabilities](#)
 - [Fact Sheet: Addressing the Risk of COVID-19 while Protecting the Civil Rights of Students](#)

Devices and Connectivity

- ConnectingKidsNV
- Devices and Connectivity have been supported through new funds (ESSER, CRF), as well as existing federal grant funds.

**Green status achievement indicates that all students in the district who are utilizing distance learning have access to a device and the internet.*



High-quality Professional Learning

- Nevada Digital Learning Symposium
- NDE Educator Support Hours
- Canvas
- Nevada Digital Engineers
- Regional Professional Development Programs
- ESSER funded projects to equip principals and school leaders



High-quality Instructional Materials

- Discovery Education
- Open Educational Resources (OER) Project
- ESSER funded projects for educational technology and distance learning
- Vegas PBS
- myON Reader
- [Instructional Resources](#)



Department Accomplishments

- NDE Equity Team in collaboration with the National Equity Project delivered two trainings to NDE staff
- NDE Climate Team created a professional learning calendar for internal collaboration and trainings
- Successful completion of cross-office ESSER Grant Review
- Leadership Summit one-day retreat with Apple Education
- Cabinet Summit one-day retreat with WestEd and UVA's Darden School of Business

Accomplishments During COVID-19

- Business and Support Services
- Educator Effectiveness & Family Engagement
- Student Achievement

Business and Support Services

- Commission on School Funding recommendations
 - Supporting Commission on School Funding meetings during COVID-19
- Implementing the outcomes of Special Session & federal assistance
 - Assembly Bill 3 (2020 Special Session)
 - GEER funds
 - Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) allocation and stakeholder engagement
- Submitting the Agency Requested Budget and presenting the budget to the Governor's office
 - Collaboration with the Governor's Finance Office

Educator Effectiveness & Family Engagement

- **Office of Safe and Respectful Learning Environments**
 - \$14,000,000 in grants to improve behavioral health services
 - 5 Districts pending approval have the ability for licensed clinical social work internships
 - Handle with Care Program went live on January 1, 2020
 - 6 districts enrolled to expand their Medicaid Billing Program in Fall 2020
- **Office of Educator Development, Licensure and Family Engagement**
 - 24-hour turn-around for licensure applications
 - Every licensee with an expiring license or provision issued a six-month extension
 - ETS At-home testing model includes 70+ of the most in-demand Praxis exams
 - Successful virtual Family Engagement Summit
 - [Family Resources in English](#) and [Spanish](#)
 - Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force recommendations to the Legislative Committee on Education
 - The 2021 Teacher of the Year Recognition Ceremony held virtually to honor Julianna Urtubey
 - New RISE Award from the US DOE to recognize classified employees
- **Office of Career Readiness, Adult Learning & Education Options**
 - 2019-20: 69,204 students enrolled in CTE Programs of Study; 13,247 students enrolled in completer level courses
 - Perkins V State Plan and WIOA State Plan were approved
 - AEFLA served 4,488 students and Adult High School served 9,775 students.
 - 8 teachers participated in externships with business and industry partners

Student Achievement

- **Office of Assessment, Data, and Accountability Management**
 - Published Nevada Report Card which now includes the ability to compare indicators across schools and view per-pupil expenditures across schools.
 - \$700,000+ through the federal Statewide Longitudinal Data Grant to support data security and reporting.
- **Office of Early Learning and Development**
 - Hosting a ZERO TO THREE Mindfulness for Early Childhood Professionals training focusing on how mindfulness contributes to well-being, self-awareness and self-regulation, and decreased stress.
 - Created an Early Childhood Padlet to share resources and information with our Nevada Ready! State Pre-K (NR!PK) districts and programs.
- **Office of Inclusive Education**
 - 22 Nevada Young Adult Facilitators were trained for the 2020-2021 school year to work through a series of virtual meetings with 24 teams of middle and high school students with disabilities and the educators (adult allies) who serve them across Nevada.
 - Purchased and Distributed 3,000 digital training modules aimed at high leverage special education program implementation. These classes are currently serving, Teachers, Paraeducators, Principals, and other district staff.
- **Office of Standards and Instructional Support**
 - Over 1.9 million digital books accessed and over 15.6 million minutes read by students through READ Nevada with myON.
 - Implementation of a statewide learning management system to support the delivery of distance education across the state.
- **Office of Student and School Support**
 - Distributed more than \$117 million in CARES Act funding to support students and educators.
 - \$2.6M Work-based Learning Opportunities in rural school districts grant.