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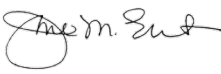


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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Nevada State Board of Education

**FROM:** Jhone M. Ebert, Superintendent of Public Instruction 

**DATE:** July 13, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Non-binding recommended ratios for Specialized Instructional Support Personnel

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An initial presentation on the requirements of Section 7 of Senate Bill 89 (2019) and Assembly Bill 304 (2019) was provided to the Board on March 12, 2020. The presentation provided an overview of the requirements regarding non-binding recommended ratios for SISP as well as the state definition of those personnel. The Board made a recommendation that Member Kevin Melcher work with the existing School Mental Health Partnership group that is facilitated by the Department's Office for a Safe and Respectful Environment and return to the Board with an update regarding existing ratios statewide as well as projections regarding funding needed to meet best practice ratios.

A follow-up presentation was provided with the requested information to the Board on April 30, 2020. Member Melcher made a motion to adopt non-binding recommended ratios based on nationally accepted best practice ratios. The motion was approved unanimously. The ratios that were presented in the motion made by Member Melcher are as follows:

<b>Specialized Instructional Support Personnel</b>	<b>Recommended Non-binding Ratio</b>
School Counselors	1:250
School Psychologists	1:500
School Social Workers	1:250
School Nurses	1:750
School Library Media Specialist	1: school

The Department was later advised that the non-binding recommended ratios for Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (SISP) which were approved at the April 30, 2020 meeting of the State Board of Education must be voted on again, as the agenda item for that meeting was not listed as "For Possible Action." As such, the material previously reviewed and approved by the Board has been summarized in this memorandum and agendized for approval at the July 23, 2020 Board of Education meeting.