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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rick Combs
Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau

FROM: Steve Canavero
Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: FY19 Education Gift Fund Report NRS 385.083 (9)

Nevada Revised Statute 385.083 (9) requires the State Board of Education to transmit a record of each recorded gift of money deposited in the Education Gift Fund. The information covered in this report covers Fiscal Year 2019.

Nevada Revised Statute 385.083 requires the State Board shall record each gift of money deposited in the Education Gift Fund and prepare a report which includes, the following information for each gift.

- (a) The amount of the gift: The State Board of Education recorded a gift in the amount of \$7.5 million at the January 17, 2019 meeting of the State Board of Education.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the name of the donor of the gift: The name of the donor of the gift is Telsa Motors, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, registered to do business in Nevada (“Tesla”).
- (c) Any instructions provided by the donor concerning the use of the gift:

Tesla’s investment will be directed at initiatives that support the acceleration of robotics, STEM, and sustainability programming within Nevada’s K-12 education system. We are focused on directly supporting the development of future engineers in Nevada.

Within this focus, Tesla’s gift will be used to fund investments in four categories:

1. **Innovative Programs** – Tesla is committed to partnering with local non-profits doing incredible work in these areas, as well as recruiting some of the most impactful organizations in these areas worldwide to have a permanent footprint in Nevada long-term.
2. **Teacher Development** – Empowering teachers to have the confidence and ability to lead programs in these emerging areas requires significant investment in teacher development,

and Tesla aims to assist in the development of programs that will allow teachers to go from hesitant to confident in their ability.

3. **Infrastructure** – Tesla recognizes that Nevada must have spaces in our schools and our communities dedicated to STEM, robotics and sustainability learning, and aims to develop and renovate several spaces in our communities across the state to foster this.
4. **Pathways to Employment** – Truly impactful programs in education help students understand how the content they are learning today can be applied to a career, and then help them get access to that career. Tesla aims to create workforce development pipelines that give students opportunities across all in-demand industries in the new Nevada.

(d) Information concerning any connection between the donor and the State Board or the administration of the system of public education in this State, including, without limitation:

(1) Any contract between the donor and the State Board: While representatives of the donor have made a number of presentations before the State Board of Education related to the educational needs of Nevada industry and Nevada students, no current contracts exist between the State Board and Tesla; State Board of Education Vice President Mark Newburn and the State Superintendent Steve Canavero both serve on Tesla’s informal advisory committee without compensation.

(2) Any contract between the donor and the State Public Charter School Authority: None.

(3) Any bid by the donor for a contract with the State Board; None.

(4) Any bid by the donor for a contract with the State Public Charter School Authority; None.

(5) If the donor is a lobbyist as defined in [NRS 218H.080](#), a statement of whether the donor lobbies on issues of interest to the State Board or relating to the system of public education in this State. Tesla is not a registered lobbyist; however, Tesla employees and/or representatives may engage as registered lobbyists.

(6) Any service by the donor on a committee to form a charter school created pursuant to [NRS 388A.240](#): None

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Canavero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" and last name "Canavero" clearly legible.

Steve, Canavero, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Public Instruction