The USDE Teacher Loan Forgiveness Forbearance Program authorizes up to \$17,500 in loan forgiveness to eligible highly qualified math, science and special education teachers. The loan forgiveness will provide substantial relief for existing teachers and an incentive for prospective teachers to teach in subjects and schools that have difficulty hiring "highly qualified" candidates.

The loan forgiveness is available to teachers at schools that are at 30% + free and reduced lunch and to new borrowers (teachers with no outstanding loan balances prior to October 1, 1998, who borrowed eligible loans prior to October 1, 2005). For information on the program the USDE's Federal Student Aid Customer Service hotline can be contacted at 1-800-433-7327. The Nevada Department of Education can also be contacted at 775-687-9219.