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Recommendations for Attendance Area Adjustment

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Presentation Overview

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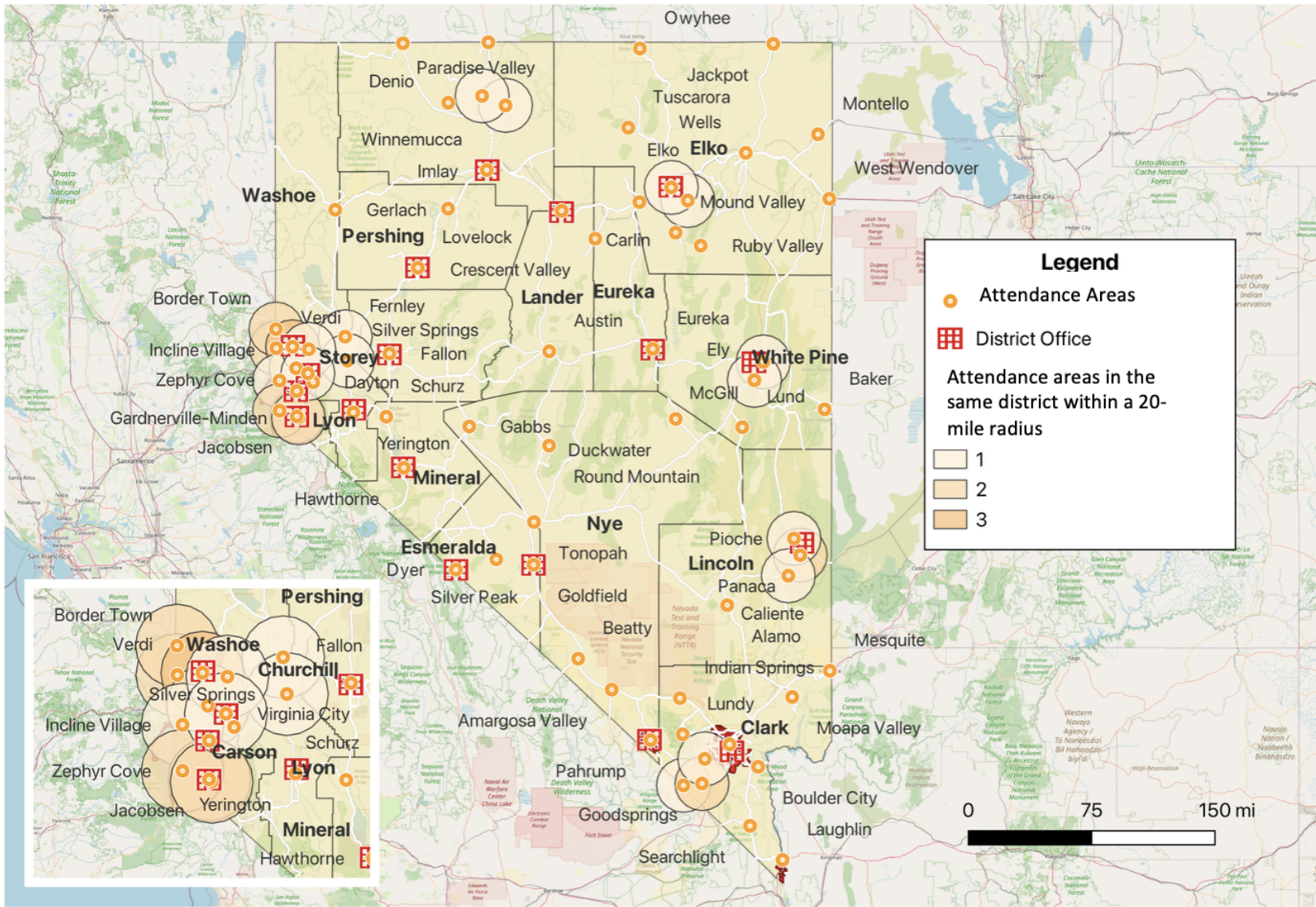
Recap: Attendance Areas in Nevada

- Nevada's school districts are countywide and often cover large geographic areas
 - Many districts serve small remote attendance areas that are expensive to operate
 - Attendance areas reflect “districts within districts”
- Attendance areas were identified in the prior Nevada Plan funding model
 - They were developed based on city centers, or towns that are geographically isolated
 - However, there did not appear to be a formal definition or criteria, so the Commission discussed and recommended criteria for what constituted an attendance area for funding purposes

Attendance Areas by District

District	Enrollment (FY27)	Sq miles	Number of attendance areas
Carson City	6,970	145	1
Churchill	3,074	4,931	1
Clark	285,879	7,892	11
Douglas	4,791	710	3
Elko	9,235	17,169	11
Esmeralda	81	3,582	3
Eureka	298	4,176	2
Humboldt	3,136	9,641	6
Lander	970	5,490	2
Lincoln	870	10,633	4
Lyon	8,934	2,001	5
Mineral	510	3,753	2
Nye	5,457	18,182	7
Pershing	636	6,037	2
Storey	395	264	2
Washoe	58,817	6,301	8
White Pine	1,231	8,875	4

Nevada Attendance Areas Within 20 Miles of One Another (in the same district)



Recap: Commission's Adopted Attendance Area Criteria

The Commission approved the following criteria for determining attendance areas for funding purposes based upon (1) distance, (2) travel time, and (3) extenuating circumstances.

Must be separated by more than 20 miles from another attendance area

If less than 20 miles from another attendance area, attendance area must be more than a 30-minute drive away from a district's central office

If attendance area is less than a 30-minute drive, must have extenuating circumstances that necessitate a separate attendance area, subject to approval

Recap: Additional Commission Recommendations

- The Commission recognized that there may be extenuating circumstances in a number of attendance areas that likely necessitate them being kept separate for funding purposes (such as geographic barriers/road conditions)
 - Instead of the Commission evaluating each individual attendance area, the Commission recommended that NDE establish a review/appeals process for districts
 - An exemption should be given for extenuating circumstances related to an attendance area being remote or necessarily small
 - Attendance areas should be reviewed at least every other biennium to see if circumstances have changed

Applying Adopted Criteria

- 26 attendance areas are within 20 miles of another attendance area in the same district
- Of those:
 - 8 attendance areas are within a 30-minute drive (including during peak hours) and
 - 2 additional attendance areas are within a 30-minute drive during nonpeak hours.

District	Attendance area	Recommendation	Est. drive time to central office (calculated using furthest school in attendance area)
Clark	Blue Diamond	Keep	35-to-75-minute drive to central office
	Boulder City	Keep	24-to-40-minute drive to central office
	Goodsprings	Keep	40-to-60-minute drive to central office
	Las Vegas	Keep	Central office in town
	Sandy Valley	Keep	55-to-75-minute drive to central office
Douglas	Gardnerville/Minden	Keep	Central office in Minden
	Jacobsen	Combine (add to Gardnerville/Minden)	Jacobson is in Gardnerville
Elko	Elko	Keep	Central office in town
	Spring Creek	Combine (add to Elko)	20-to-28-minute drive to central office
Humboldt	Orovada	Keep	40-to-50-minute drive to central office
	Paradise Valley	Keep	45-minute drive to central office
Lincoln	Caliente	Combine (add to Panaca)	18-minute drive to central office
	Panaca	Keep	Central office in town
	Pioche	Combine (add to Panaca)	16-minute drive to central office
Lyon	Fernley	Keep	45-to-60-minute drive to central office
	Silver Springs	Keep	30-to-40-minute drive to central office
Storey	Hillside	Keep	40-to-60-minute drive to central office
	Virginia City	Keep	Central office in town
Washoe	Bordertown	Keep	24-to-40-minute drive to central office
	Incline Village	Keep	45-to-60-minute drive to central office
	Pleasant Valley	Combine (add to Reno/Sparks)	20-to-26-minute drive to central office
	Reno/Sparks	Keep	Central office in town
	Stead	Combine (add to Reno/Sparks)	12-to-26-minute drive to central office
	Verdi	Combine (add to Reno/Sparks)	14-to-18-minute drive to central office
White Pine	Ely	Keep	Central office in town
	McGill	Combine (add to Ely)	16-minute drive to central office

Study Team Recommendations

- No changes to criteria previously adopted by Commission
 - However, clarify that peak travel times should be considered when calculating drive time
- Do not apply attendance area adjustment to charter schools
 - Impacts four charter schools; creates unintended incentives/consequences
- Phase in any reductions by the end of two biennia (25% of the reduction each year over four years)

Comparison of FY26 Adjusted Per-Pupil Amounts

District	Enrollment by attendance area less distance education students	Adjusted per-pupil amount (original)	Adjusted per-pupil amount (new)	Difference
Carson City	6,970	\$705	\$705	\$0
Fallon	3,074	\$1,352	\$1,352	\$0
Clark	285,879	\$85	\$85	\$0
Douglas	4,791	\$1,208	\$1,145	-\$300,310
Elko	9,234	\$2,246	\$1,974	-\$2,506,668
Esmerelda	81	\$15,279	\$15,279	\$0
Eureka	298	\$8,335	\$8,335	\$0
Humboldt	3,136	\$2,184	\$2,184	\$0
Lander	970	\$4,692	\$4,692	\$0
Lincoln	870	\$7,763	\$6,398	-\$1,187,582
Lyon	8,934	\$2,079	\$2,079	\$0
Mineral	510	\$7,077	\$7,077	\$0
Nye	5,457	\$2,011	\$2,011	\$0
Pershing	636	\$5,887	\$5,887	\$0
Storey	395	\$7,698	\$7,698	\$0
Washoe	58,817	\$293	\$166	-\$7,448,316
White Pine	1,231	\$5,648	\$4,797	-\$1,047,338
Charters/University School	72,469	Varies (\$0–\$4,038)	\$0	-\$2,448,428
TOTAL				-\$14,938,642



Questions?