

To the Nevada Department of Education,

I am thrilled to be applying for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction position. I am a firm believer and advocate in educational best practices, and supports in helping provide growth in all students' academic, career, and social emotional success. The experience I have inside and outside of the classroom will allow me to successfully build a foundation within our Nevada State schools in developing plans for the improvement of student outcome.

This is currently my eighth year in education. For five of those years, I was a teacher in Clark County School District as a teacher for children in kindergarten – 2nd grade with Severe Emotional Behavioral Disturbances. During this time, I got to work under great leaders such as Sherrie Gahn, and Region Three Super Intendent Melissa Roehm. This has required I gather ample understanding of social emotional supports, and strategies, as well as academic techniques to promote growth. During this time, I had many teachers visiting my classroom to gain an understanding of behavior management, how to support different learners, and how to best support and collaborate with team members in the classroom. For my sixth year of teaching, I transitioned to becoming an English Program Teacher in Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand. In this position I taught students how to navigate core subjects in a second language, as well as help navigate a positive path to understanding of how to succeed in an academic based setting. When I moved back to Las Vegas, I transitioned to school counselor, and in this time I learned how to support educators, and students in the importance of understanding the whole learner through class lessons, 1:1 meetings, professional developments, and small groups.

In addition to this, I have been nominated for the Nevada Educator of the Year for 2025, and Teacher of Heart award by many families here in the district. I have attended many board

meetings to advocate for appropriate learning materials, modifications and accommodations for our students, and have voiced my thoughts on policies that are effective within our district. Not only have I been in education for eight years, but I have also been a registered behavior technician for 6 years, and have fulfilled duties as an intern Board-Certified Behavior Analysis through field work hours as I have a Master's degree in Special Education with an emphasis in behavior analysis. These experiences have taught me to how to teach others how to advocate for children's educational needs and rights, as well as teaching me how to be a well-rounded global educator. Due to these experiences, I can help others become strong independent leaders within the classroom. I have taught clients as young as 2 years old 22 years old how to speak starting with word sounds, to simple sentences, to being able to advocate for themselves using their native language. With my skill set, I believe I would be a strong asset for this position.

Sincerely,

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Education

Aug 2021- Sept. 2023 Touro University, Master's Degree in School Counseling 3.87 GPA

June 2019-August 2020 University of Nevada Las Vegas, Master's Degree in Special Education 3.78 GPA

Aug. 2014- May 2018 University of Nevada Reno, Bachelor's Degree, 3.54 GPA

Work Experience

August 2024 – Current, contractor School Counselor at [REDACTED] Middle school, running small group, individual sessions, and whole group lessons focused on the social emotional realm, career readiness, and academic success. Teaching staff skills on behavior management, how to use effective reinforcement system in their classrooms, how to teach social emotional learning

June 2023- March 2024 – English Program Teacher at Anuban School. Teaching first (P1) and second grade (P2) students in Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand in the areas of math, communication, spelling, art, and occupations.

Aug 2018- June 2023 Special Education Teacher (STAR) at [REDACTED].

Working with students with profound trauma/emotional behavioral disturbances using effective classroom management and positive reinforcements to help improve upon social skills, and academics. Data collection. Helping ensure a safe environment for all

Other skills, interests, notable experiences: UNEA membership, Heart of Education finalist

2022-2023 school year, nominated for Nevada Teacher of the Year 2024, noted as the top Primary STAR program in the district 3 years in a row by behaviorist within the district, Deans List, CPR and CPI trained. Learn 2 Lead qualified.

As a strong leader in Nevada's educational system, I am committed to creating an environment where every child, regardless of their background or circumstance, has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. My vision as the next State Superintendent of Public Instruction is to create an equitable, inclusive, and collaborative educational system that builds a culture of trust among students, educators, families, and communities across Nevada.

Education is the foundation upon which every child builds their future. I will collaborate and work with other stake holders in our education system to create policies that ensure equal access to quality education for all students. I will prioritize reducing achievement gaps and expand access to advanced coursework, vocational training, and specialized support services through extensive data collection, and trials.

Collaboration is imperative in achieving results that will transform education. As State Superintendent, I will work closely with educators, school leaders, parents, community organizations, and business partners to foster shared responsibility for student success. Building partnerships between local schools and state agencies will allow for more effective and sustainable solutions. Through collaboration, we will identify and scale best practices, ensuring that innovations in one district benefit the entire state.

With a passion for fair and equitable education, a true understanding of the diverse needs of Nevada's communities, and a track record of effective leadership and collaboration, I am certain that I am positioned to lead the Nevada Department of Education into a future of inclusive, creative, and impactful education. I will bring not only my expertise and experience but my commitment to putting students first, every student, every time.