

Nevada Education Service Center

Interim Finance Committee
Subcommittee on Education
Accountability
May 26, 2026



NEVADA EDUCATION
SERVICE CENTER

Education Service Center (SB460, Sec. 56.5)

- (a) May ... provide services to local educational agencies throughout this State, ... services that require specialized personnel.
- (b) Shall provide support for the initiatives and efforts of this State to **improve the performance of schools and school districts in this State**, including, without limitation, evidence-based and research-based support for the improvement of schools and school districts identified for rigorous interventions pursuant to the provisions of sections 14.25 to 14.6, inclusive, of this act.
- (c) Shall implement or support the implementation of **state or federally funded initiatives assigned to the Education Service Center by the Superintendent of Public Instruction**.
- (d) Shall **avoid duplication of programs and services** to ensure a streamlined and efficient delivery of educational services.

Education Service Center

- 39-45 States (39 according to Association of Educational Service Agencies)
- District Needs Sensing (Dec-Jan)
 - Operational Efficiency (Reporting, Collaborative Contracting, Grant Management)
 - Specialized Expertise/Shared Staffing (CFO support, Special Education)
 - Leadership/Governance Support (Superintendent and Board, Strategic Planning, Policy Clearinghouse)
 - Instructional Systems (District support, Coordination with RPDP)
 - Data Management (Data processes, Capacity building)

Leadership

Authority	Member
State Board of Education	Angela Orr, SBE Member
Governor	Dave Jensen, HCSD Supt (Retired)
Governor	Tom Ciesynski, CFO (Retired)
Majority Leader Senate	Jeremy Christensen, Principal Arbor View
Minority Leader Senate	Mary Pierczynski, CCSD Supt (Retired)
Speaker of Assembly	Jesse Welsh, Deputy Supt CCSD
Minority Leader Assembly	Scott Hammond, Former Legislator and GOWINN Exec Dir

Chair	Dave Jensen, HCSD Supt (Retired)
Vice Chair	Jesse Welsh, Deputy Supt CCSD
Executive Director	Steve Canavero

Fully Appointed: May 2026

Note: April 20, 2026, [Board Meeting](#)

Selection of Board Officers and Executive Director, to be revisited when full Board appointed.

Center Operations

FY 2026

- Governor's Office
 - Director Salary
 - CFO Network Contract
 - May-June 30, 2026

FY 2027

- Agreement
 - Operational host
 - ESC-Gov's Office (May 1, 2026)
- Interlocal
 - ESC-NDE-Gov's Office (pending)
- Work Program, June IFC
 - \$537,547 (SB460, Sec. 78.3)
 - Operations, CFO Network, Reporting Efficiency

Staffing Structure

Current (FY2026)

- Executive Director
- Contract
 - CFO Network

Planned (FY2027)

- Executive Director
- Contract
 - CFO Network
- Contractor/Temp
 - Budgeting and Operations
- Contractor/Temp
 - Reporting Efficiency

Draft State System of Support

	Nevada Department of Education (NDE)	Education Service Center (ESC)	Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP)
Primary Function	Governance, Regulation, & Accountability	Service, Support, & Capacity Building to Improve District Systems to Improve Instruction	Professional Development and Learning, Coaching to Improve Instruction
Level	State-Level Agency	Intermediate Agency	School/Optional District Support
Relationship to LEAs	Oversight and Enforcement. Ensure LEAs comply with state and federal laws (e.g., IDEA, Title I) and administer the state's accountability system.	Partnership and Resource Sharing. Work directly with LEAs to provide services. No regulatory authority.	Voluntary professional learning. Instructional support partners. No regulatory authority.
Core Responsibilities	Policy & Standards: Set statewide curriculum standards, graduation requirements, and educator licensure rules. Establish statewide system of accountability and framework for differentiated support. Funding: Administer state and federal education funds to LEAs. Monitoring: Oversee the Nevada School Performance Framework and ensure compliance with law.	Specialized Services: Provide support for the initiatives to improve the performance of schools and districts. Carry out differentiated support to LEAs identified. Economies of Scale: Run cooperative purchasing programs and shared financial services. Capacity Building: Deliver professional development and other evidence-based or research-based support (district/LEA).	Standards-Aligned PD: Training aligned to NV Academic Content Standards (NVACS) and Nevada Educator Performance Framework (NEPF). Coaching Cycles: Instructional coaching, modeling, and feedback. Teacher Leadership Development: Build educator capacity. Content Expertise: Math, ELA, social studies, science, Science of Reading, etc.
Focus	System-wide coherence and equity through rules and policy.	Operational efficiency and improved outcomes through direct services.	Improving instruction and educator effectiveness through high-quality PD and job-embedded coaching.

Questions
