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Memo: Request for Contingency Funds for FY24

Nevada Department of Education Representatives,

We have made the decision not to request contingency funds for this current fiscal year. Prior to the last legislative session, we sent in an enhancement request that was not moved forward. We, therefore, made the difficult decision to cut a full position and reduce all staff members contracted days to cover the shortfall from the up and coming increase to the salary and benefits line. Unlike our colleagues at the other RPDPs, the proposed increase could not be covered by cutting the operating budget but had to go much deeper. We are holding this money in our current salary line, and it will be dispensed once the negotiations are settled. That said, should the negotiations not be settled until the next fiscal year, we would ask that we not be penalized for a large carry over as this is not within our control. Should this occur we will work diligently with you as we will be required to file a stale claim and use the carryover funds to pay the retro pay for the 2024 fiscal year.

We very much appreciate the support and conversation that has occurred concerning this matter.

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