



**NEVADA**  
**Department of**  
**Education**

# **Superintendent Update**

**May 2026**  
State Board of Education



Honoring

*Joyce Woodhouse*

# Superintendent Focus Areas

## Possibility

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- Battle Born spirit
- Ability to influence decisions and drive change
- Leadership & innovation across the state

## Need

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- Student achievement gaps
- Disconnected youth
- Urgency for change

## Alignment

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- Bipartisan momentum
- Cross-sector leadership
- Early signs of progress

This is a rare moment where possibility, need, and alignment exist at the same time.

# Superintendent Priorities: April - July 2026



## Strategic Plans

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Move from strategic priorities to **concrete plans** that create alignment through NDE.

## Deepen Connection

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Move from building context to **connecting deeply** with our staff, key bodies of work, and bright spots across the field.

## Fiscal Stewardship

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Strengthen NDE's fiscal operations and **ensure program and finance align.**

## Policy and Budget Alignment

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Develop **strong BDR** and agency **budget** proposals.

### Benchmarks for August 1st:

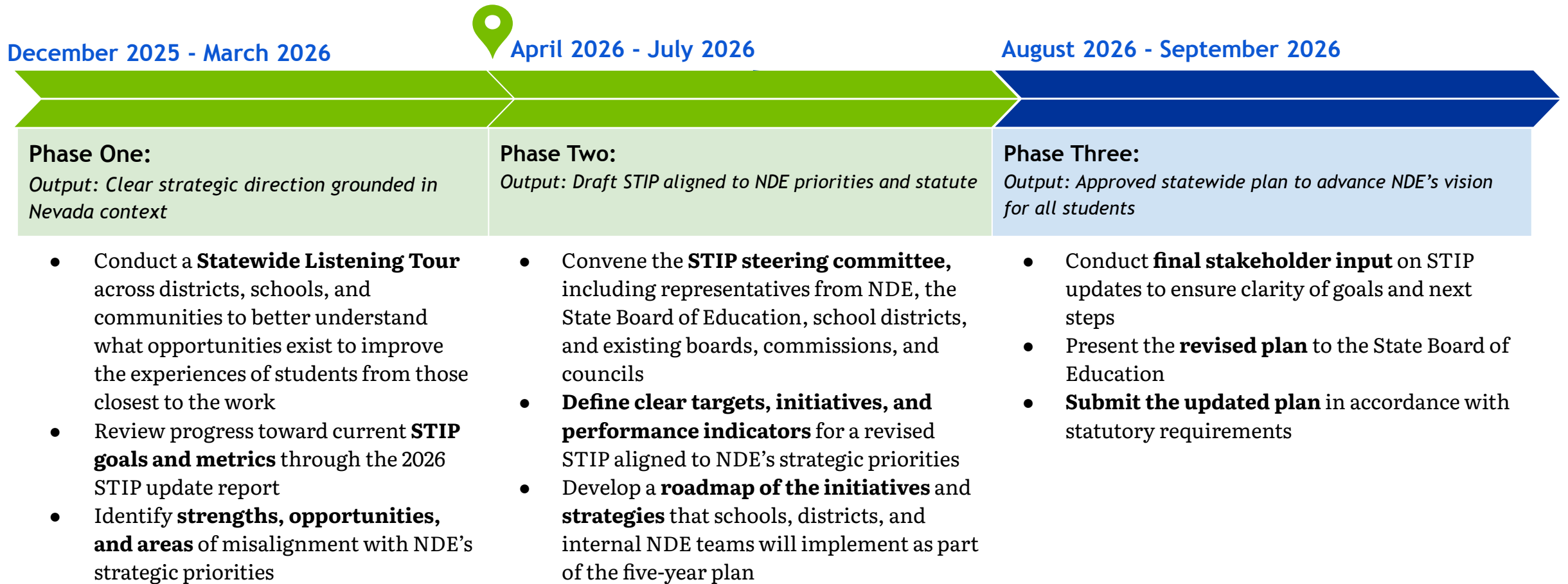
- ✔ Updated Statewide Plan for the Improvement of Pupils (STIP)
- ✔ NDE's policy BDRs and 2027-2029 biennial budget proposal complete

Delivering on Our Priorities - Translating strategy into aligned plans, strong systems, and policy proposals.

# Operationalizing Priorities: STIP Planning



Through the new STIP plan, NDE will provide a coherent roadmap to help districts, schools, and internal department teams align around key priorities and advance NDE’s vision for all students. This work involves **three phases**:



# NDE Updates

# NDE Announces 36 Purple Star Schools



NEVADA  
PURPLE STAR  
SCHOOL  
2026  
  
Bob Miller  
Middle School  
Committed to Serving Military Families

**BOB MILLER**  
Middle School



Schedule  
EB - 7:56  
1 - 8:58  
2 - 9:54  
3 - 10:50  
11:20  
11:50  
12:20  
- 1:16  
2:11

# Indian Education Summit



# Two Washoe County Campuses Named Nevada Blue Ribbon Schools



- District Planning Grants
- District Performance Framework
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- NDE Talent and Leadership Initiative
- Effective Pathways: high program readiness rating for Nevada
  - [Effectivepathways.com](http://Effectivepathways.com)
- NDE Presentations to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education:
  - March - Declining Enrollment, AI in Schools
  - April - Early Childhood Programs, MTSS
  - May - Educator Scholarship Programs, Office of Family Engagement

# Regulatory Update

## Commission on Professional Standards - May 20

- R069-25 Hearing - Music, Art, PE Endorsements
- R071-25 Hearing - Administrator Endorsement
- R013-26 Hearing - Science of Reading Endorsements
- R039-26 Hearing - Trauma Endorsement
- R043-26 Hearing - Elementary to Early Childhood Pathway
- R044-26 Hearing - Early Childhood Autism Endorsement

## State Board of Education - June 24

- R085-25 Hearing - Assessments in Private Schools
- R018-26 Hearing - Scholarship Granting Organizations
- R046-26 Hearing - Educator Growth Goals
- R131-22 Hearing - Foster Care in Treatment Centers
- R020-26 Hearing - Uniform Grading Scale

## Workshops - Anticipated this summer - Date TBD

- CASE Application
- Paraprofessionals
- AB335 PD Requirements



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Questions or Requests for Future Updates?

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