

## Leadership and Governance

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### Legislative Issues of Concern from 2017 Session – likely to reappear

- Funding, funding, funding: NV Plan  
During the 2017 legislative session, they attempted to recalculate the funding formula based on the lowest performing schools and lowest performing students. Weights for targeted populations are set to increase over the next few years:
  - ELL/FRL: 1.05 (2018); 1.15 (2019); 1.3 (2020); 1.5 (2021)
  - Special Education: 2.0There could be an effort to increase funding to service more students at the above weights or to increase the weights as previously recommended in INVest.
- Pre-K & Early Childhood Education  
There was a bill from last session that required districts to have pre-K programs, but it wasn't considered due to lack of funding.
- Teacher Pipeline & Teacher Evaluation (CBAs)  
There has been discussion about teacher evaluations and how to manage bad employees that are under collective bargaining agreements.
- ESA Funding  
The Treasurer now has a working group where he is discussing ESAs.
- Appointed School Boards  
Last session there were rumors of an appointed school board member framework, which we were able to stop. This interim, there has been continued discussion about this potential.
- Criminal Law Curriculum  
Last session, SB108 required a study on providing criminal law education for students, so they become more familiar with the state and federal laws that affect them as minors and then as adults.
- Sex Education  
As you will remember, last session, AB348 passed which was a bill that included a standardized curriculum on sex education. The bill was vetoed by the Governor. There will most likely be another attempt to pass a statewide policy.
- Read by Three – parental involvement

There was a bill last session, AB409, that would have changed the Read by 3 legislation to include input from parents before a student is retained. This has been a priority to some and it is a potential for future legislation.

## **Emerging New Legislative Issues**

- How Education is Funded (Outside of the NV Plan)  
There has been discussion this interim on re-evaluating the budget process: the timing of how state and local budgets are developed as it pertains to education.
- Bullying  
In light of recent events at the school and district level, there may be an attempt to revisit or tweak legislation on bullying in the state, specifically as it relates to social media.
- Repeal of Commerce Tax  
Depending on the outcome of the 2018 election, there may be an attempt to repeal the Commerce Tax.
- CCSD Specific Tax  
There has been discussion in Clark County about a potential, county specific tax to raise funding for CCSD education. (1% sales tax increase – legislation to enable the Clark County Commission to enact)
- Keep Marijuana Tax in Local Districts  
There has been discussion coming out of Clark County for the desire to retain proceeds from the marijuana tax.
- Sexual Harassment  
As the nation and state continue to hear stories on widespread sexual harassment in the workplace, there is a chance legislation could emerge as a solution. There are no indications that schools or districts are a target for that, but it could impact all places of employment and government.
- Victory Schools  
There has been discussion at the state level on concerns about the success of Victory Schools in the districts. There hasn't been any mention of potential legislation, but we will be watching the interim discussion.

**What are you hearing at the district level?**

**Questions for Candidates:**

Why are you running for office?

What goals do you have if/when you become elected?

What are your policy areas of interest?

What's your position on the commerce tax? If opposed, what are your solutions on funding?

What are your thoughts the performance of the schools in your districts?

What problems are students in your districts facing?

What are your thoughts on education funding in Nevada? What strength do we have and what needs to be improved?

Do you have any plans for legislation on education policies?