

## **NSEA SUPPORTS SB469**

Date: April 30, 2019

To: Assembly Committee on Education Re: SB469 – NSEA Support as Amended

The Nevada State Education Association (NSEA) represents teachers and education support professionals throughout the state. We believe that every Nevada student deserves a high-quality public education.

NSEA once again supports SB469 to help protect vital school support services provided by education support professionals.

NSEA supports SB469 as amended as it restricts the money necessary for CCSD to carry out responsibilities not transferred to individual school sites. These services include transportation services, food services, services to ensure equity and diversity, maintenance and repair of buildings, and custodial services.

These important services are provided by education support professionals (ESP's) who are a critical component of the family of educators in our schools. Our students are complete human beings with a range of needs that must be met so learning can take place. Transportation professionals make sure our kids arrive safely in the morning and return home the same way. Nutrition professionals make sure no child is trying to learn on an empty stomach. Custodial and maintenance keep the learning environment clean and safe.

NSEA, along with the Education Support Employees Association, has consistently advocated to protect the important services provided by ESP's, and we are encouraged that SB469 will address concerns of unintended consequences of the reorganization.