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Governor Targets Educators to Balance State Budget *NSEA dismayed by governor's proposal*

Governor Jim Gibbons delivered his State of the State address Thursday, Jan. 15th where he confirmed he will seek to cut state workers' salaries—including teachers and support professionals—by 6 percent.

"We are dismayed that the Governor unilaterally decided these draconian cuts were appropriate without talking to educators and understanding the consequences of this kind of public policy," said NSEA President Lynn Warne. "While we recognize the dire economic conditions facing our government we do not believe that the problems can be fixed by reducing the funds allocated to educating our kids. It is short sighted and demonstrates no leadership to make drastic cuts to education. This myopic view of governing is an insult to the citizens of Nevada. There are alternative funding solutions that have been ignored by the Governor throughout this entire process."

NSEA has consistently foretold the shortfall in education funding and have provided a blueprint for mitigating those problems by collaborating with leaders of the gaming industry to raise revenue. Now, ironically, the Governor proposes to use those funds and **STILL** cut education.

"We are looking forward to working with the Legislature to actually deal with this problem instead of listening to a Governor who is increasingly becoming irrelevant in this process," added Warne. "This Governor has withdrawn himself from his own budget and has attempted to balance the budget on the back of educators and public employees regardless of other responsible funding solutions."

Please contact your legislators and urge them to preserve your salaries and to not support the Governor's proposal. Contact them today by logging on to our website www.nsea-nv.org.

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