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We Need Your Story!

Governor Jim Gibbons is preparing to balance the state budget on the backs of its educators. The NSEA is determined to not let this happen and is bringing your message to the Nevada Legislature every day. While facts and figures are a great start, the NSEA is in need of your story on just how Governor Gibbons' cuts will hurt you.

A 6% salary cut, a cut to your healthcare subsidy, a rate change in how much of your paycheck will go to your public pension, all of these cuts will add up to a nearly 9% pay deduction. If Governor Gibbons' plan to take away step increases also goes forward, the out of pocket loss becomes nearly 12% -13%.

These cuts would be devastating to families all across Nevada. Your dedication shown every day to remain in the classroom under such conditions proves how committed you are to Nevada's children. However, it is time to share these stories of commitment. It's time to examine exactly what a 12% pay cut will do to you, to your families, and to your well being. These stories need to be shared with Nevada's lawmakers so they can see the reality of the cuts and the reality of the hardship it will place on Nevada's educators.

If you have a story you would like to share, please contact Craig Stevens at craig.stevens@nsea-nv.org.

Room Tax Initiative: IP 1

Over the past year, the Nevada State Education Association has worked hard in coming up with ways to help improve public schools across Nevada. By teaming up with members of the gaming community, a plan to bring much needed funding into the Nevada school system came to fruition. By raising the room tax on hotels in Clark and Washoe County by 3%, a specified stream of dollars would enhance the money already allotted by the Nevada Legislature. With over 130,000 signatures collected from all across Nevada, the Room Tax Initiative Petition qualified to go in front of the Legislature for a vote.

Just last week, the room tax was introduced by the Nevada Legislature as bill IP 1. IP 1 is still a long way from becoming law as it has to pass both the House and the Senate by 2/3rds vote and then it must be signed by the Governor. Your NSEA Lobby Team is working hard to ensure votes are cast so the Room Tax can be put in place, however; NSEA needs your help. Please take some time to contact your legislators and let them know just how important this extra funding is to you and your school. Go to www.nsea-nv.org and click on the [Legislative Action Center](#), from there you can send a letter or receive the contact information for your legislators.

While polling and the results of November's advisory questions prove that the public supports IP 1, the personal touch you could bring to this campaign is immeasurable. Legislators enjoy hearing from their constituents. It lets them know the true pulse of those who put them in office. The future of IP 1 depends on you, its supporters, in getting behind the initiative so that each and every Nevada legislator sees just how important the issue really is.

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