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The banner features the Nevada State Education Association (NSEA) logo on the left, which includes a map of Nevada and the text 'Nevada State Education Association' and 'NSEA'. To the right of the logo, the words 'Member Matters' are written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the logo and title, there are four navigation links: '▶ YOUR REWARDS', '▶ YOUR SUPPORT', '▶ YOUR VOICE', and '▶ YOUR RESOURCE'. In the center of the banner is a framed graphic with a black background. The graphic contains the text '\$ay NO to Education Cuts!' in white and yellow, with a red apple icon to the left. Below this text, it says 'CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR' in white. To the right of the text is the NSEA logo and the website address 'www.NSEA-NV.org'.

Schools Budget to be Heard Thursday Proposed Budget Cuts Focus of Hearing

As mentioned in Thursday's issue of *Member Matters*, the DSA—the education budget—is going to be heard Thursday. This is a good opportunity for all of us to join together in making our voices heard as well as make a statement that these proposed budget cuts cannot be adopted.

As part of our planned activities for the week we urge you to contact your lawmakers by either email or telephone and let them know how devastating these cuts would be to our schools, our students, and you—our teachers and support professionals.

Pressure at this time is crucial. Let's join forces in ensuring lawmakers know! Please call or email your legislator and urge them to oppose the proposed budget cuts. Go to www.nsea-nv.org and click on the "Say NO to Education Cuts" graphic. Find the Action Alert titled **Schools Budget Hearing** for talking points and direct access to your legislators. Please contact them today!

You can also witness the hearing. Visit www.nsea-nv.org/LAC.htm for more information.

NSEA to Deliver Thank You Message to Sen. Reid for Making Students, Schools a Priority in Stimulus Bill

Educators Urge State Legislators to Abandon Cuts in Favor of Investments

NSEA, on behalf of Nevada's educators, is sending a bushel of thanks to U.S. Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) Wednesday for his role in delivering funds into the state's cash-strapped economy while providing a lifeline to Nevada's public schools and colleges.

"Senator Reid knows when it's time for bold action," said NSEA President Lynn Warne. "The stimulus package Senator Reid helped craft ensures Nevada's students have a 21st century-learning environment while creating much-needed jobs for Nevadans. Now its time for state lawmakers to recognize what their constituents already know investing in schools is good economics."

Thanks to the stimulus package, Nevada's schools will get an infusion of federal dollars to modernize K-12 and higher education facilities; increase the number of students receiving federal Pell grants; and support education needs for low income students and students with disabilities.

Nevada lawmakers are reviewing a budget submitted by Gov. Jim Gibbons that proposed draconian cuts to the education budget--an all-time low for Nevada. While the stimulus funds are helpful, NSEA and its more than 28,000 members urge lawmakers to oppose the proposed cuts to the budget which would be detrimental to the students, teachers, and support professionals of Nevada.

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