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## The Nevada Legislature Needs to Hear From You

The Nevada Legislature is looking for your point of view on the proposed budget put forth by Governor Jim Gibbons. The Governor's budget has projected a 6% salary cut for every public educator in the state along with increases in health care coverage. The budget goes even further by proposing to cut educators' step increases. All in all, the average educator could expect a 12-13 percent salary decrease next year alone. If you would like to offer your voice to the Legislature on these drastic cuts and explain to them the harm they would cause, not just to your family, but to Nevada's public education system as a whole, the information is as follows:

### NEVADA LEGISLATURE Town Hall Meeting on State Budget

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON RECOMMENDATIONS  
INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE BUDGET

INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION BY ALL NEVADA RESIDENTS  
INCLUDING ALL LEGISLATORS  
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009  
9:00 a.m.

Grant Sawyer State Office Building — Room 4401  
555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada  
or

Washoe County Commission Chambers  
1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada

#### Moderators:

##### Las Vegas:

- Senator Steven A. Horsford, Majority Floor Leader and Co-Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance
- Assemblyman Morse Arberry, Jr., Chair of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means

##### Reno:

- Senator Bernice Mathews, Co-Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance
- Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Majority Whip and Vice Chair of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means

If you cannot make this meeting, the Legislature will also be holding a hearing on the Distributive School Account on March 17th at 8:00 a.m. The Distributive School Account (DSA) is the mechanism used to fund all public schools in Nevada. Educator salaries, classroom textbooks, and many other essential services come straight from the DSA. The hearing will be held in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV.

If you cannot make either meeting you are encouraged to send your comments or suggestions to your legislators or to Speaker Barbara Buckley at 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701.