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NSEA Considers Suing Legislature if Schools Aren't Funded Adequately ***Individual Lawmakers Would be Named***

NSEA has announced it will consider suing the Nevada State Legislature if public school funding is cut even further and schools are not funded adequately in the 2009 session.

"We have had conversations with our attorneys and will look at what we need to do," said NSEA President Lynn Warne. "With a weakened public school system in this state, we are being asked to shoulder more cuts. We've had enough. Our members have had enough. The public has had enough."

With the current conditions and the possibility of much deeper cuts, the association is looking to be prepared to address the funding shortfall. Adequacy lawsuits have proven to be successful in other states in recent years. Most recently, the Nevada Legislature commissioned an Adequacy Study which looked at the funding system in Nevada. The Augenblick Study found education in Nevada is considerably underfunded and inadequate.

"There comes a time when we have to say no more—and we believe that time is now," concluded Warne. "We are advocating for you—our members—each and every day in Carson City and are committed to fighting for you and our schools. We will leave no stone unturned until the needs of Nevada's public schools are met."

We will keep you informed as things develop. In the meantime, we urge you to contact your legislators and urge them to say NO to education cuts. If you've already contacted them, contact them again. They cannot hear from you enough. Share an experience you've had that involves lack of funding. Share your personal story. They need to hear from you. Go to www.nsea-nv.org and click on the Say NO to Education Cuts graphic.

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