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Important Dates:

Feb. 16, 2009
Assembly Floor Session
11:00 a.m.

Assembly Education
Committee Hearing
3:45 p.m.

Feb. 19, 2009
DSA (Distributive School
Account) Hearing in
Carson City

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Proposed Budget Cuts to be Heard Next Week Your Action Needed!

The Distributive School Account— DSA—more commonly referred to as the schools budget, is being heard next Thursday, Feb. 19 by the joint K-12 subcommittee. This presents NSEA and its more than 28,000 members with an opportunity to make our voices heard as well as make a statement that these proposed budget cuts cannot be adopted. We are planning some activities that will require your participation. Pressure at this time is crucial. Let's join forces in ensuring lawmakers know how devastating these cuts would be to our schools, our students, and you--our teachers and support professionals!

Monday, February 16

Carson City— If you live in the area, please go to the Legislative Building for the Assembly Floor Session at **11:00 a.m. 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701**

ALSO

Carson City— If you live in the area, please go to the Legislative Building for the Assembly Education Committee Hearing at **3:45 p.m.** The more people that show the more pressure will be put on legislators.

OR

Las Vegas — If you live in the area, please go to the Grant Sawyer Building for the Assembly Education Committee Hearing at **3:45 p.m.** This hearing will be held via teleconference so you will have an opportunity to be seen. The more people that show the more pressure will be put on legislators. The address to the Grant Sawyer Building is **555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101**

Tuesday, February 17

Around the State—

Contact your legislators. E-mail, write a letter, and/or call your legislators. Tell them your personal story on how these cuts would be detrimental. Let them know your community is outraged these cuts are even being considered. Go to www.nsea-nv.org to contact them today!

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Wednesday, February 18

Around the State—

Take part in phone call/message campaign. NSEA is organizing a phone call campaign. If contacted, please leave a message and tell lawmakers why it is imperative they do not support the proposed budget cuts.

Thursday, February 19

Carson City— Joint K-12 subcommittee will hold a hearing on the DSA. This committee will be discussing the proposed budget cuts. NSEA will be testifying and delivering your messages. If you live in the area, please come to the building for the hearing. **401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701**

Las Vegas— Hearing will be teleconferenced as well in Las Vegas at the Grant Sawyer Building. Please attend if you can. **555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101**

Please wear your NSEA pins, shirts, and/or any other items that will identify you as a member, teacher, or support professional. We need your help in making a huge impact on the legislature next week! We urge you to pass this along to your members and encourage them to get involved. For more information, please contact the NSEA office in Carson City at 775-841-6203.

We also encourage you to come up with your own local activities. You may want to consider a sign-waving activity outside your school or work site. If you need assistance with sample messages please contact Claudia Briggs at claudia.briggs@nsea-nv.org or Julie Whitacre at julie.whitacre@nsea-nv.org.

Agreement Reached on Economic Recovery Package Immediate Action Needed!

Conferees have reached agreement on a final economic recovery package. The NEA is doing all it can to ensure this package is passed and they need our collective help! A vote is expected in both the House and Senate by the end of the week and could happen as early as this afternoon. President Obama wants this bill to pass and will sign it into law as soon as he receives it.

As reported, the \$789 billion package includes significant investments in education--a direct result of your intensive advocacy over the past few weeks. This major infusion of education dollars into local communities--more than the entire current U.S. Department of Education budget--is a big victory for us and will make a real difference in jump-starting the economy.

Immediate Action Needed:

Contact all Members of Congress and urge them to support passage of the conference agreement on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Go to <http://capwiz.com/nea/issues/alert/?alertid=12647771> to send your message today!