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Important Dates:

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

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ACTION NEEDED!!!

2009 Legislative Session Underway

Your Local Participation will be Instrumental and Necessary in Days Ahead

The legislative session is well underway. The NSEA Lobby Team has been in Carson City since Monday when the session started. The team has been meeting with legislators to discuss the proposed budget cuts and other bills that NSEA is tracking.

The most prominent takeaway of the week is the need for legislators to hear from the membership on how these cuts would impact their work. In particular, NSEA is going to be creating weekly pieces that will be distributed to legislators. In these pieces, we need to include real stories about cuts in specific areas and how those cuts would hurt them or the students. We have a list of topics that we will be addressing. Please take a look at the list below and ask your members to submit two to three paragraphs on how the cuts in these areas would negatively impact their work, the students, and their jobs in general. We need your real stories so they can see how detrimental these cuts can really be.

Issues and Deadlines

Salary Cuts

Please email stories by Wednesday, February 11th

Room Tax Increase (Outcome of not enacting the measure to increase the hotel room tax increase by 3%)

Please email stories by Wednesday, February 18th

Cuts in textbooks

Please email stories by Wednesday, February 25th

Cuts of Remediation and Innovation Grants

Please email stories by Wednesday, March 4th

Professional Development/RPDP

Please email stories by Wednesday, March 11th

Elimination of Adult Ed and Professional Development

Please email stories by Wednesday, March 18th

Please have all responses submitted to NSEAOnline@gmail.com by the deadline listed above.

NSEA Takes a Look at the Impact of Recommended Budget Cut\$

It's no surprise that NSEA and other education groups around the state are having such a difficult time accepting how the governor could possibly choose to solve the budgetary crisis on the backs of Nevada's education system—schools, students, teachers, support professionals, universities, etc. The proposed budget cuts take things to an all-time low. Never in recent history have we had to consider these types of cuts to education—state leaders have never let it get this far.

This clearly demonstrates the governor's lack of commitment to education. Voters overwhelmingly showed support to increase funding for K-12 public education in the last election and clearly this governor is not in touch with what the people want. In recent polling, the public overwhelmingly supported preserving the education budget and is against cuts!

Legislative Action Center at Your Fingertips

The Legislative Action Center is available 24/7. You can check out NSEA's bill tracking list, contact your legislator, download talking points, and watch video updates from Carson City, among other activities for Cyber Lobbyists like yourselves. Visit <http://www.nsea-nv.org/LAC.htm> and stay connected to the lobbying effort in Carson City.

Room Tax Measure in Play

Lawmakers to begin discussions on passing 3% increase for education

The room tax measure which would increase the hotel room tax by 3%, if passed, is officially alive in Carson City. Now known as I.P.1, members of the taxation committees of both the senate and the assembly will be hearing it in the weeks ahead. The legislature has the first 40 days of the session to enact it or it will go on the ballot in 2010 if they fail to do so. Please urge your members to contact the members of the Senate Taxation Committee http://www.leg.state.nv.us/75th2009/committees/S_Committees/TAX.cfm and the Assembly Taxation Committee http://www.leg.state.nv.us/75th2009/committees/A_Committees/tax.cfm.

These committee members need to hear from association members on how much our schools need this money. Please pass this message along and motivate your members to contact these committee members today!