



February 27, 2025

Nevada Assembly Committee on Education
Legislative Building, Room 4114A
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Letter of Support, Assembly Bill 156

Dear Chair Torres-Fossett and Members of the Assembly Education Committee:

My name is Maureen Schafer, and I am executive director of the Council for a Better Nevada. I am writing in support of AB156. A full-time school board would create a stronger foundation for strategy development, engagement of the community and the legislature, and grounded decision-making, ensuring that those elected can fully engage in the academic and business affairs of the Clark County School District while allowing for a more diverse pool of potential candidates be considered for the complex and critical role. The Council supports this innovative approach to K-12 governance as the bill's key impact lies in the potential for attracting a wider range of qualified candidates, particularly those with existing significant time commitments or specialized expertise who would not otherwise consider the invaluable responsibility; a full-time CCSD Board of Trustees can incentivize individuals who might not be able to serve without compensation, ultimately leading to potentially an elevated shift in board culture more focused on performance accountability, consistent decision-making, and thoughtful oversight. The Council has always been at the forefront of exploring innovative ideas that increase the chances for our students, families, educators, and economy to succeed. We have partnered with the legislature in the adoption of many bills that have borne positive outcomes. This bill exemplifies that spirit, renewing our joint commitment to consider any pathway to achieve that success. We encourage you to vote in favor of this bill.

Thank you,

Maureen E. Schafer
Council for a Better Nevada