



May 24, 2025

Assembly Committee on Ways and Means
Hon. Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair

Re: SUPPORT – AB 224

Honorable Chair Monroe-Moreno and members of the committee,

My name is Amanda Morgan, Executive Director of Educate Nevada Now (“ENN”). On behalf of ENN, we appreciate the opportunity to express our support for AB 224.

This bill would be a lifeline for districts throughout the state that are unable to repair or replace unsuitable, or even unsafe, school facilities. Not due to a lack of need or will, but simply because it is mathematically impossible with their population size and revenue base.

Nevada lawmakers have taken great strides in creating a constitutionally equitable school operations funding formula, but unfortunately the same level of attention has not been given to ensuring equitable facilities funding. This has left some communities with dilapidated buildings that are not conducive to learning – buildings that have asbestos issues, lack appropriate technological infrastructure, have insufficient heating and cooling, among a myriad of other issues. This is an urgent matter. Some structures have even been independently deemed at risk of catastrophic failure.

And although the Nevada Supreme Court has afforded the state great deference in determining the adequacy of school funding, it explicitly left open the question of the state’s obligation as it relates to equity. The Nevada Constitution mandates the legislature provide for and maintain a “uniform system of common schools,” and many other state courts have found similar funding structures, that rely heavily on local revenue, unconstitutional.

Most importantly, appropriate school facilities are linked to higher teacher retention rates and better student outcomes. These students deserve a safe and healthy learning environment, and this bill directly advances that important objective. We sincerely thank Assemblymember Mosca and the bipartisan group of cosponsors for bringing forth AB 224.

Thank you.