

TO: Nevada Assembly on Ways and Means

SUBJECT: AB584 Governor's EDUCATION Bill

POSITION: Support

AB584 is a breath of fresh air when it comes to Education legislation.

This bill is unlike SB460. SB460 calls for more oversight boards, new computing expenses to capture data for various reports, potentially expensive audits by Legislative Audit Dept of LCB (see LCB Fiscal Note) , top-down micro-management of school boards, schools and teachers. In contrast, this bill is relatively simple.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- . Eliminates duplicative, unusable (useless) reports.
- . Accountability 1: each public school/school district is rated against actual performance to targeted goals.
- . Accountability 2: under/lower performing schools go on probation; get grant money if needed.
- . Accountability 3: if no progress in 3 years, school leadership can be changed; more funds reallocated if needed; possible conversion to charter school; students can move to another school in another zone (open enrollment), possibly student can move to charter or private school--funds made available to do this.
- . Accountability 4: post-year reports of schools must be posted on internet for all to see.
- . Incentives: certain excellent educators to receive incentive pay.
- . Incentives: transport costs to be provided to charter schools.
- . Learning: special training for teachers Grades 1-3; boost reading; phonics, STEM teaching. About Time!
- . Added plus: Fiscal Notes show no cost to State (may be subject to change).

NET RESULT: More parental involvement in child's education; flexibility in changing schools; accountability; and back to basics: reading, writing, arithmetic. All good!!

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