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SENATE BILL No. 551



NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

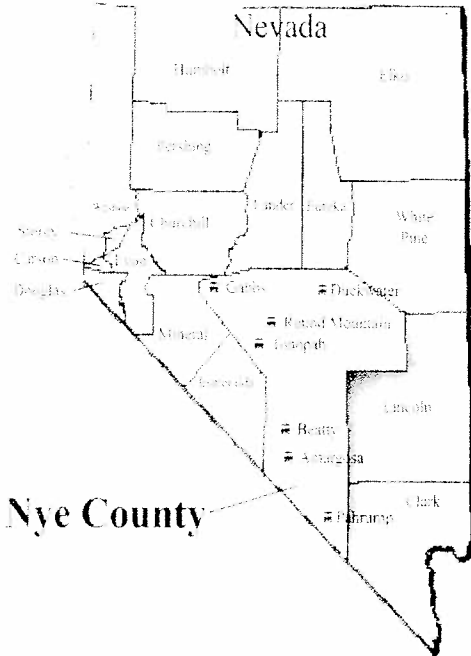
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Fast Facts 2006-2007



Nye County

School Population

Amargosa Elem./Middle	194	K-8
Beatty Elem./Middle	105	K-8
Beatty High	134	9-12
Duckwater	8	K-8
Gabbs Combined	58	K-12
Round Mtn. Elem.	156	K-5
Round Mtn. Middle/High	198	6-12
Silver Rim Elem.	115	K-2
Tonopah Elem./Middle	223	3-8
Tonopah High	162	9-12

Pahrump Schools:

Manse Elementary	512	K-5
J.G. Johnson Elem.	658	K-5
Hafen Elementary	586	K-5
Mt. Charleston Elem.	559	K-5
Rosemary Clarke MS	1,261	6-8
Pahrump Valley High	1,370	9-12
Pathways	134	6-12
Early Childhood	103	ages 3-5

Enrollment

Count Day 2006

Total	6,536
Pre K	131
K	467
1	454
2	511
3	477
4	496
5	477
6	538
7	533
8	577
9	627
10	557
11	390
12	301

District-Wide Student/Teacher Ratio

K	1/13
1	1/17
2	1/18
3	1/20
4	1/21
5	1/21

Average Class Size 6-12

English	13
Math	17
Science	19
Social Studies	22

Nye County Population: 39,598
Nye County Area: 18,400 square miles

Communities: Amargosa, Beatty, Duckwater, Gabbs, Pahrump, Round Mountain and Tonopah



Classified Personnel: Total - 374

Includes—Secretarial, Clerical, Aides, Transportation, Food Service, Custodial, District Office Staff and Classified Supervisors.

Total Certified Personnel: Total - 433

Includes—Teachers, Counselors, Speech, Psychologists, Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist.

Total Administrators: Total - 27

Includes—District Administrators, Principals and Assistant Principals.

Average Teacher Salary:
\$47,511 + Benefits \$62,715

Teachers with advanced degrees:
34%

Average Teacher Attendance:
94%

Average Student Attendance:
93%

Nye County School District

Fast Facts 2006-2007 Continued

More information can be found at www.nye.k12.nv.us

Northern District Office
 P.O. Box 113
 Tonopah, NV 89049
 Phone—800-796-6273
 FAX—800-771-6273

Southern District Office
 484 S. West St.
 Pahrump, NV 89048
 Phone—877-727-7705
 FAX—877-727-7723

Building Construction—Last 12 Years

3 High Schools
 1 Middle School
 2 Elementary Schools
 1 High Tech Center—GBC
 33 Modular Buildings



NCSD Financial Information

Total Assessed Evaluation: \$1,220,090,330

4 Major Categories:

Operational Budget: \$50,402,878
 Capital Projects: \$ 838,528
 State Grants: \$ 1,707,275
 Debt Service: \$14,130,291
 Other: \$ 9,720,743
 Net of all : \$76,799,715



Transportation—District-wide

Budget: \$3,720,100

100 Busses
 82 Daily Routes

1,062,510 miles driven per
 year on school routes

136,321 miles driven per year on activity routes

5,986 average miles driven per day for student
 transportation



Targeting Student Achievement

- 6 Trait Writing Program K-12
- District pre and post standard-based testing in grades 3-10
- Standards based curriculum K-12
- Math Cohort-Mathematic Teachers and sharing best practices
- Master Teachers supporting and mentoring new teachers
- McRel (Instructional Technology Support) Teachers enhancing education through technology
- Professional Learning Communities at each school site - looking at student achievement



Curriculum & Instruction

- Revised K-5 curriculum-to align with new and revised state standards
- Teacher Institute Days-Professional Development for Teachers
- Revised K-12 Math Curriculum to match state standards
- Revised K-12 Science Curriculum to match state standards
- Emphasis on Active Teaching for Active Learning-Teachers using student-based learning to enhance education
- Expansion of Pre-AP and AP courses for students in grades 6-12
- Implementing a Gifted and Talented Class for students in grades 4-5 (Saturday Academic Camp for Gifted and Talented)

Accountability
 Report Card Access:

www.doe.nv.gov

Mr. Chair, members of the Committee, my name is William E. "Rob" Roberts, I am Superintendent of Nye County School District. I am representing Nye County School District as the sponsor of this bill, S.B. 551 for the purpose of creating the account for the Repair, Replacement, and Renovation of School Buildings and Facilities, as amended.

Nye County School District is the largest geographical district in the lower 48 contiguous states. With approximately 18,400 square miles of space and seven communities housing 6,687 students, Amargosa Valley, Beatty, Duckwater, Gabbs, Pahrump, Round Mountain, and Tonopah, the extraordinary distances between communities challenges the school district in many ways; supervision, transportation, food service, and maintenance.

The repair, renovation, and daily maintenance is difficult, time consuming, and expensive, as it takes several hours to travel from the district offices, in Tonopah and Pahrump, to each community for construction and maintenance personnel that must travel from cities, even Las Vegas or Reno. This travel has to be repeated daily in that there are very few places for construction crews to stay overnight nor restaurants for meals.

A map is in your packet with the roads highlighted. Starting with our northern most community of Gabbs, the elementary school was built in 1946 and the high school in 1951. Traveling southeast for 170 miles you enter Round Mountain where the Jr/Sr high school was built in 1982 and the elementary in 1985. There are several modulars, built in the 1970's, on site, that were donated

by the Nevada Test Site. Located 174 miles east is our one-room school site housing approximately 12 students. This was built in 1954. Backtracking 120 miles to the west is Tonopah. We have three schools there. Tonopah Elementary/Middle School, built in 1960, Silver Rim Elementary, built in 1981, and Tonopah High School, built in 1991. By traveling south 93 miles, you will find Beatty. Beatty Elementary/Middle School was built in 1960 and Beatty High School was built in 1990. Further south, 30 miles, is the farming community of Amargosa Valley. The school there was built in 1972. Another 52 miles east finds you in the Township of Pahrump Valley. There we have four elementary schools, Manse, built in 1954, J.G. Johnson, built in 1982, Mt. Charleston, all modular built in 1994, and Hafen Elementary, built in 2001, Rosemary Clarke Middle School, built in 1999, Pahrump Valley High School, which comprises of several phases of buildings built in 1973, 1974, and 1990. Our Adult Education Center, which includes Alternative Education and GED programs, consists of modular classrooms set up in 2005.

Due to ever-increasing growth and lack of time and resources to build additions or new schools, each of our sites contains numerous modular classrooms. As the money and time pours out to give our students the appropriate classroom space by buying and setting up modulars, the time and resources to maintain and repair the older facilities dwindles to emergency and safety issues only.

In rural Nevada, the communities are barely large enough to be self-sufficient in the areas of basic needs such as groceries, gas stations, etc., until this year there was only one hospital in Nye County. Three of our communities do not have a

grocery store, Amargosa, Beatty, and Duckwater and there is no movie theater in Nye County. Quite a few have no amenities such as motels and restaurants. This can create a roadblock for many construction companies in the bid process as their travel costs often double or triple.

Finding construction companies that are willing to go out to bid on projects in these outlying communities is often an impossible feat. At times, we have gone out to bid with absolutely no response. At other times, we have been grateful to receive even one offer. When we do receive viable bids, the amounts tend to be staggering.

With mandates, in effect and upcoming, demanding certain percentages of a district's funding going to specific programs, the flexibility of pulling monies from all areas to fund emergency maintenance issues is gone. With the age of buildings in the rural areas, most buildings contain asbestos, which, by law, requires extensive resources to repair or replace. To repair or even maintain these buildings requires remediation for the asbestos issue, which can cost exorbitant amounts and this must be done before the repair even starts, not to mention the costs associated with ADA compliance construction.

The push on energy conservation is also a major issue for rural districts. The older facilities were built with single paned windows, low R-value insulation, and inferior heating and cooling systems. With the lack of resources, any thought of upgrading becomes a luxury rather than a necessity and our energy costs are directly impacted.

Finding Nevada licensed contractors is also an issue for some of our communities. In the Tonopah area for instance, Bishop California is the nearest viable area for construction firms and as California based firms few are licensed to work in Nevada and the application process adds months of time to any project they wish to undertake as they wait for approval.

If a community is fortunate enough to have a local contractor, the contractors tend to be overwhelmed with the workload that is thrown at them within the community and do not have the resources or manpower to take on extra projects. Contractors from the larger cities have their own scheduling issues with the growth related to their areas and often do not want the extra projects requested by rural school districts due to logistic problems. In order to competitively bid for these projects in the rural areas, their profit margin must be sacrificed and the man-hours needed for travel to the rural areas increase their expenses, which further deplete their profit margin.

You may ask what our community has done to help alleviate your school repair, renovation, and replacement cost needs. Let me tell you, they have done their part. Over the last 11 years, the voters have passed two bond issues and a new construction residence tax on each new home in Parhump, and that money is only to be spent in Pahrump, the effected area.

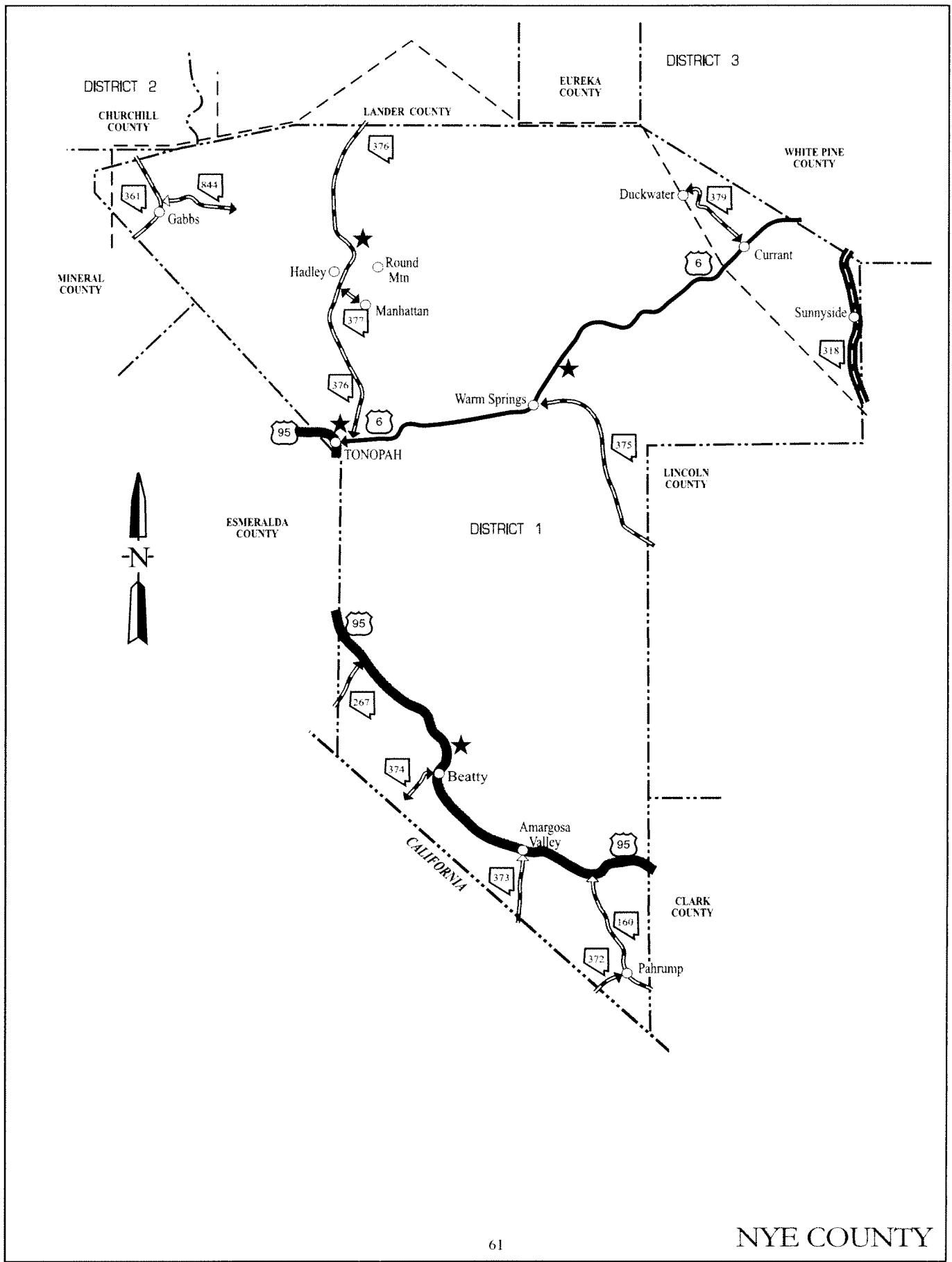
With school construction costs running over \$250.00 per square foot, we do not have the capacity to Bond for the money needed to keep up with the ever-increasing student population growth in Pahrump. A USA Today article, dated

April 5, 2007, states Pahrump has almost doubled in population in the last 10 years, and is a “bedroom community” to Las Vegas.

Nye County is not the only District affected by this situation. Many similar Districts suffer from the inability to fund repair, renovation, and replacement of older schools.

In closing, I am asking that you establish this fund, allowing us to apply for grants from excess State Distributive School Account monies to help us provide safe, energy efficient facilities for our students. I invite any, and all, of you for a tour to any of our schools and you will see a stark difference in what you see in Reno or Las Vegas.

Thank you for your time.



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