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November 5, 2018

Richard Stokes
Superintendent
Carson City School District

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Stokes:

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Summer Stephens, Ed.D.
Superintendent
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Via email: [REDACTED]

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Superintendent
Clark County School District

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Superintendent
Douglas County School District

Via email: [REDACTED]

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Todd Pehrson
Superintendent
Elko County School District

Via email: [REDACTED]

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M. Neil Terhune, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Esmeralda County School District

Via email: [REDACTED]

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November 5, 2018

Pamela Teel
Superintendent
Lincoln County School District

Via email: [REDACTED]

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Wayne Workman
Superintendent
Lyon County School District

Via email: [REDACTED]

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Superintendent
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Via email: [REDACTED]

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Dale A. Norton
Superintendent
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Via email: [REDACTED]

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Via email: [REDACTED]

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Via email: [REDACTED]

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1. A person who serves as a mentor in a mentoring program established pursuant to [NRS 396.9655](#) may not be compensated. A mentor may be an employee of the participating community college or local partnering organization, but must not receive additional compensation for serving as a mentor.

2. Each person who serves as a mentor in a mentoring program established pursuant to [NRS 396.9655](#) and is not employed by the participating community college:

(a) Must be at least 21 years of age.

(b) Shall, before serving as a mentor, submit to the participating community college the information requested by the participating community college and written permission authorizing the community college to use the information to obtain a report on the criminal history of the prospective mentor. If the participating community college has entered into an agreement with a local partnering organization pursuant to [NRS 396.965](#), the participating community college shall transmit the report on the criminal history of the prospective mentor to the local partnering organization.

3. A participating community college or local partnering organization shall not allow a person to serve as a mentor if the participating community college receives information pursuant to subsection 2 that the person has entered a plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo contendere to, been found guilty or guilty but mentally ill of, or been convicted of, in this State or any other jurisdiction, a felony.
(Added to NRS by [2017, 2949](#))

The Committee voted at its final meeting on June 4, 2018, to send this letter to each school district to ensure that school districts are aware of this new scholarship program and the eligibility requirements to serve as mentors to facilitate the participation of any school district personnel wishing to serve as a mentor.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. Please contact me or Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst (jrueidy@lcb.state.nv.us or 775/684-6825) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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