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Nevada Education Reform Blue Ribbon Task Force

On March 15, 2010, Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons signed an Executive Order forming the Nevada Education Reform Blue Ribbon Task Force to guide and oversee Nevada's Race to the Top application and to facilitate public and private discussion and consensus for overall reform of public education for Nevada's children.

Overview

The primary directive of the task force is to ensure a successful state application for the Race to the Top competition and to review Nevada's education infrastructure and recommend long-term K-12 and higher education reform designed to improve student achievement.

Responsibilities

- Provide state leadership and coordination of the Race to the Top application and deliver a final draft to the governor by May 21, 2010;
- Facilitate discussion and consensus among public and private stakeholders in building a knowledge base of "lessons learned" to facilitate the Race to the Top application;
- Encourage public and private involvement in a review of Nevada's education infrastructure and recommend measures designed to ensure that we are providing a fair and appropriate education that will support the future of our state and diversification of our economy;
- Facilitate a statewide dialogue on reform of our public education delivery system;
- Consult with relevant stakeholders to develop a plan to improve the results of our state's public education system, from K-12 through higher education; and
- Develop legislative and regulatory recommendations supporting the mission that may address, among other matters, governance, academic standards, teacher performance and resource allocation.

Key Timing

The task force will submit two items to Governor Gibbons. The completed Nevada Race to the Top application will be submitted to the governor no later than May 21, 2010. The state's application is due to the U.S. Department of Education by June 1, 2010, with grants to be announced in September 2010.

The task force will also submit recommendations to the governor regarding revisions to state laws and regulations relating to education reform and related funding for inclusion in the Governor's Executive Budget for Fiscal Years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. These recommendations will be submitted no later than November 19, 2010.

Race to the Top*

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides \$4.35 billion for the Race to the Top Fund, a competitive grant program designed to encourage and reward states that are creating the conditions for education innovation and reform; achieving significant improvement in student outcomes, including making substantial gains in student achievement, closing achievement gaps, improving high school graduation rates, and ensuring student preparation for success in college and careers; and implementing ambitious plans in four core education reform areas:

- Adopting standards and assessments that prepare students to succeed in college and the workplace and to compete in the global economy;
- Building data systems that measure student growth and success, and inform teachers and principals about how they can improve instruction;
- Recruiting, developing, rewarding, and retaining effective teachers and principals, especially where they are needed most; and

- Turning around our lowest-achieving schools.

Race to the Top will reward states that have demonstrated success in raising student achievement and have the best plans to accelerate their reforms in the future. These states will offer models for others to follow and will spread the best reform ideas across their states, and across the country.

*From the U.S. Department of Education's Race to the Top Program Executive Summary; please see [Resources](#)

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Sections

The Race to the Top application is divided into categories of six selection criteria, which include state success factors, standards and assessments, data systems to support instruction, great teachers and leaders, turning around the lowest-achieving schools and general selection criteria. The task force is organized into six formal sections to address each of these substantive portions of the application.

State Success Factors

- Articulating the state's education reform agenda and the local education authorities' (LEA) participation in it
- Building strong statewide capacity to implement, scale up, and sustain proposed plans
- Demonstrating significant progress in raising achievement and closing gaps

Standards and Assessments

- Developing and adopting common standards
- Developing and implementing common, high-quality assessments
- Supporting the transition to enhanced standards and high-quality assessments

Data Systems to Support Instruction

- Fully implementing a statewide longitudinal data system
- Accessing and using state data
- Using data to improve instruction

Great Teachers and Leaders

- Providing high-quality pathways for aspiring teachers and principals
- Improving teacher and principal effectiveness based on performance
- Ensuring equitable distribution of effective teachers and principals
- Improving the effectiveness of teacher and principal preparation programs
- Providing effective support to teachers and principals

Turning Around the Lowest-Achieving Schools

- Intervening in the lowest-achieving schools and LEAs
- Turning around the lowest-achieving schools

General Selection Criteria

- Making education funding a priority
- Ensuring successful conditions for high-performing charters and other innovative schools
- Demonstrating other significant reform conditions

For more information on the Race to the Top application selection criteria and priorities, please see the Race to the Top Program Executive Summary listed under [Resources](#).

Meetings

The task force met for the first time on March 19 at Wynn Las Vegas to review and organize the process for completing the state's application for Race to the Top funds from the federal government.

The task force will meet twice in April to continue work on Nevada's application for Race to the Top funds. These meetings will be open and the public will be invited to comment.

Task Force Meeting Schedule

April 9 - Las Vegas
10 a.m.
Stan Fulton Building, UNLV
801 East Flamingo, Las Vegas, NV 89154

April 23 - Reno
10 a.m.
Desert Research Institute, Stout Conference Room
2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512

On April 9, the sections will make presentations on state success factors, standards and assessments, data systems to support instruction, great teachers and leaders, turning around the lowest achieving schools and general selection criteria.

On April 23, the task force will further its review for the Race to the Top application. The governor has requested that the application be delivered to him by May 21, 2010.

Press Releases

Governor Announces Blue Ribbon Education Reform Task Force

Inaugural Meeting of the Blue Ribbon Education Reform Task Force Held at Wynn Las Vegas

Blue Ribbon Education Reform Task Force to Hold Open Meetings

Links
Race to the Top Fund

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