

## **MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Name of Organization: Legislative Committee on Education  
(*Nevada Revised Statutes* 218.5352)

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2006  
9:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Legislative Building  
Room 2135  
401 South Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada

Note: Some members of the committee may be attending the meeting and other persons may observe the meeting and provide testimony through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the following location:

Grant Sawyer State Office Building  
Room 4412  
555 East Washington Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada

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## **A G E N D A**

I. Opening Remarks  
Senator William J. Raggio, Chairman

\*II. Approval of Minutes of the April 12, 2006, Meeting

- \*III. Presentation on Goals 3 and 4 of the State Improvement Plan of the Nevada State Board of Education

Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Instruction, Research, and  
Evaluative Services, Nevada Department of Education (NDE)

- \*IV. Presentations on the Regional Training Programs (*Nevada Revised Statutes 391.500 et seq*)

- A. Programs of Leadership Training

Hugh Rossolo, Chairman, Statewide Council for the Coordination of the  
Regional Training Programs

- B. Status of the Evaluation of the Regional Training Programs

Stanley Chow, Director, Regional Services, WestEd

- \*V. Presentation on Middle School as Preparation for High School

- A. History and Overview of Promotion Policies: Eighth Grade to Ninth Grade

Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction, NDE

- B. Middle School Curriculum and Transition to High School

Debbie Cylke, Superintendent, Secondary Education, Washoe County School  
District

Kelly Bucherie, Principal, Liberty High School, Clark County School District  
(CCSD)

Pat Skorkowsky, Principal, Del Webb Middle School, CCSD

Rick Hardy, Superintendent, Lincoln County School District (LCSD)

Craig Babcock, Principal, Lincoln County High School, LCSD

- \*VI. Presentation on Strategies to Close the Achievement Gap for Specific Subpopulations

- A. English as a Second Language (ESL) as a Factor in Student Achievement

Mary Ann Robinson, ESL Coordinator, and

Diana Walker, Program Coordinator, Washoe County School District

- B. Framework for Understanding Poverty as a Factor in Student Achievement

Leslie Doukas, Innovation Grant Coordinator, State and Federal Programs,  
WCSD

- \*VII. Presentation on Methods and Programs to Assist Students to Pass the Nevada High School Proficiency Examination

- A. Interactive Technologies of Nevada

Michael Rector, Chief Technologies Officer, Interactive Technologies of  
Nevada

Christy Falba, Director for K12 Math, Science, and Instructional Technology,  
CCSD

B. The Grow Network

Darlene Hart, National Director, Education Solutions

Joshua Preven, Program Manager, The Grow Network/McGraw-Hill

\*VIII. Presentation on High School Preparation and College and Workforce Readiness Assessments

Stacey Ellmore, Senior Consultant, Elementary and Secondary Education  
Services, ACT, Inc.

\*IX. Presentation on Personal Digital Assistant Assessment Technology for Early Literacy/Preschool and Mathematics

Larry Burger, Chief Executive Officer, Wireless Generation  
Eugene Paslov, Governmental Relations Consultant, Wireless Generation

X. Public Comment

XI Adjournment

\*Denotes items on which the committee may take action.

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