



NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing interest in the position of Student Member to the Nevada State Board of Education. Nevada has long been a state with a reputation for birthing great student leaders. Now more than ever, it is critical that those leaders step forward in order to create lasting change, serve their pupils, and better the education and lives of Nevadans for generations to come. The recent COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent school closures have not created inequity, but rather shown a harsh light on it, exposing its true effect and extent for all to see. You have been put in a unique position: You have likely experienced the effects of this pandemic, and recent social reckonings, that will shape your world view. The perspective that you now have is invaluable to Nevada's lawmakers and educators. I personally thank you for wanting to contribute that perspective.

The Student Member to the State Board of Education was created per NRS in the 2011 Legislative Session. This position seeks to provide the voting members of the Board with opinions and insight from a student, the constituent its policies most directly affect. This position and title come with a great deal of responsibilities, including attendance at monthly board meetings. These meetings, either occurring in Las Vegas, Carson City, or across a virtual platform, last an entire school day, which you will be excused for. The biggest task you have, however, is formulating and communicating opinions and advocating for the students you serve.

Board meetings regularly include discussions on equity (or a lack thereof), approval of course credits and instructional materials, foundational documents such as the Statewide Plan for the Improvement of Pupils, and data analysis of certain services or state-wide tests. You may also choose to serve on a working group, such as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group.

Before you apply, I would advise you to consider a few things. As the Student Member to the State Board of Education, and an officer on the NASC State Board, a lot may be expected of you. Assess your interest in education and inequity, your time commitment, and your dedication to Nevada's students and educators. Due to the nature of the ongoing pandemic, much is uncertain about the next year, but you must be adaptable, persistent, and resilient in the face of the unknown.

I have been incredibly grateful for this experience, as well as the opportunities, connections, and knowledge that it has granted me. Mostly, I have been delighted to deepen my understanding of education and be able to meet the wonderful Nevadans, both students and educators, that make up our system. Similarly, I am excited to usher in the next generation of Student Members to the Board of Education and witness their undoubtedly impactful contributions.

Please do not hesitate to email me with any questions you may have.

Diplomatically yours,

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