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Felicia Ortiz
President
State Board of Education
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Dear President Ortiz:

The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education (COE) spent a significant amount of time during the 2023–2024 Interim considering recommendations made by a variety of stakeholders to positively impact education in this State. One topic the COE explored was educational personnel workload, during which the members heard about the vast duties, responsibilities, and requirements that add to this workload.

An aspect of workload discussed before the COE was the Nevada Educator Performance Framework (NEPF), which was described as often frustrating due to its time-consuming and burdensome documentation process. Furthermore, one of the presenters noted that though the NEPF is an evaluation tool, it does not necessarily reflect teaching quality. Resultingly, the COE voted to encourage the State Board of Education to study accountability measures currently contained in the NEPF and make recommendations to the 2025–2026 COE to either replace or streamline the NEPF.

Thank you for considering the COE's recommendation and your continued passion and efforts to support Nevada's education system. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact the COE's policy analysts, Alex Drozdoff and Jen Sturm-Gahner, via phone at (775) 684-6825 or via email at Alex.Drozdoff@lcb.state.nv.us or Jen.Sturm@lcb.state.nv.us.

Sincerely,

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