

## NSEA OPPOSES SB1

The Nevada State Education Association has been the voice of Nevada educators for over 120 years.

**NSEA opposes SB1, a \$380M giveaway to a California billionaire, while funding for Nevada schools falls short.**

Last month, nearly 1000 educators and supporters rallied in front of the legislature, umbrellas in hand, to say It's a Rainy Day for Nevada schools. Nevada ranks 48<sup>th</sup> in education funding, even behind Mississippi, and everyone knows Nevada has the largest class sizes in the nation. The crisis of educator vacancies has reached a tipping point. In the last two years, Nevada will lose more than 15% of our teaching workforce. Nevada also has a serious problem with vacancies in classified positions, meaning we are short people who make our schools run. Nevada's severe educator shortage threatens the basic function of our school system.

SB1 would give away \$380M in public funds to California billionaire John Fisher to build a stadium in Las Vegas for his Oakland A's, yet Nevada was the only state in the country to receive 3 F's in education funding in the 2022 "Making the Grade" report released by the Education Law Center. ***Nevada wants the A's, but that's why we get all the F's.***

Throughout the regular session, you heard from a parade of educators about the hardships of working in education with low pay and increasingly stressful working conditions. While progress was made on education funding during the session, the gap between current funding and optimal funding was only closed by one-third. Meanwhile, very little progress was made on class sizes, which will take significant resources and work to address moving forward. Nevada has the choice to adequately fund our schools and vital public services or instead give away tax dollars to California billionaires.

State	Poverty Rate School-Aged Children	Funding Level	Funding Distribution	Funding Effort
Montana	13%	C	C	C
Nebraska	9%	C	A	C
Nevada	15%	F	F	F
New Hampshire	7%	A	F	C
New Jersey	12%	A	D	A
New Mexico	20%	C	B	B

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