

April 22, 2015

TO: The Honorable Melissa Woodbury  
and members of the Assembly Education Committee

RE: **SB 212– Support in Concept with Amendment**

Dear Chairwoman Woodbury and members of the Assembly Education Committee,

On behalf of the 24,000 teacher and education support professional members of the Nevada State Education Association, we express our support in concept of Senate Bill 212 with suggestions for a perfecting amendment.

NSEA applauds the intent of SB 212 which gives greater discretion for addressing student discipline infractions while preserving student attendance in school. However, NSEA is concerned that SB 212 could allow students to be returned to the classroom after committing an infraction that warrants suspension or expulsion without having a plan to normalize their behavior and being ready to learn with their fellow students.

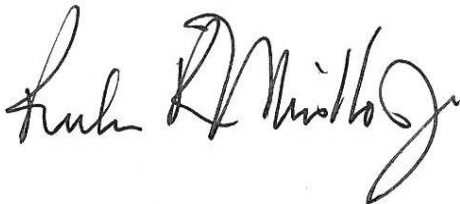
NSEA recommends the committee include the proposed NSEA amendment in the bill. The amendment would specify that a corrective behavior plan be developed by the campus administrator in conjunction with each teacher assigned to the student prior to the student being returned to class when the superintendent waives suspension or expulsion.

Under existing discipline laws, students who commit discipline problems and are removed from class are too often returned to their classroom or another classroom without corrective behavior being assured.

Students and teachers deserve a safe and supportive learning environment. Teachers are responsible for delivering instruction under specified time constraints and often times with large class sizes that can make it more difficult to maintain student discipline.

NSEA urges the committee to address these issues by including the proposed amendment in SB 212 prior to voting on the bill.

Sincerely,



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