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Pursuant to NRS 391.556, this letter serves as the reporting requirement from Nye County School District with regards to the Southern Nevada Regional Professional Development Program (SNRPDP).

During the 2016/2017 school year, a total of 299 teachers participated in professional development opportunities provided by SNRPDP. This number reflects a participation rate of 98% of the total body of professional educators in Nye County. These opportunities included site-based in-services, coaching, observations, MAP testing support and in-class modeling. Additionally, the SNRPDP provides several publications each year to facilitate teachers' growth. Teachers and administrators attended several trainings and conferences throughout the year. All professional development opportunities followed the standards of content and performance established pursuant to NRS 389.520.

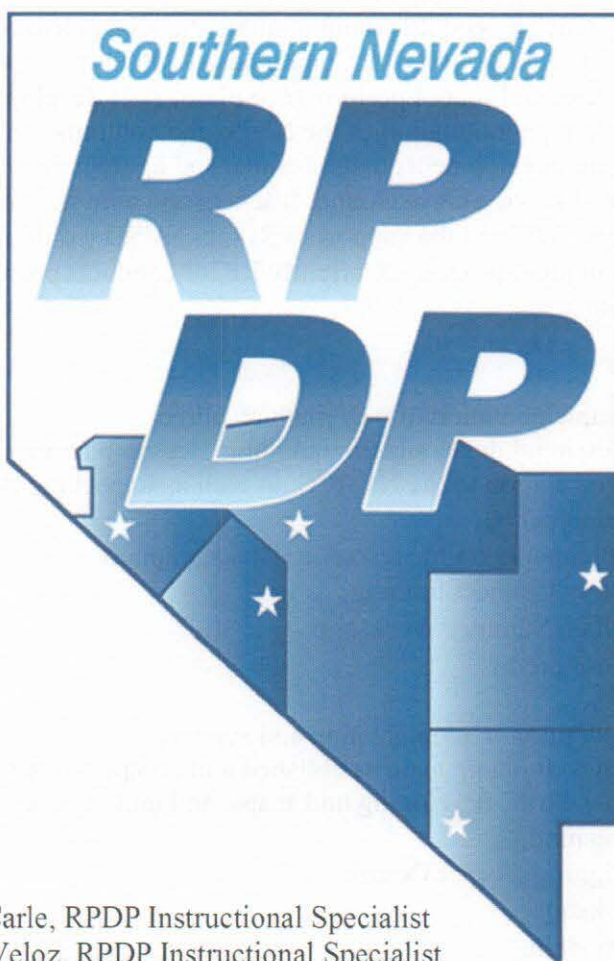
The Southern Nevada Regional Professional Development Program funds two full-time regional trainers in Nye County and a part-time clerical to enhance professional development opportunities. The trainers are both located in the southern part of Nye County but service the northern schools as well. In addition, regional trainers housed within Clark County travel frequently to Nye County to provide services in specific core content. Finally, special projects are often funded by SNRPDP to help the district in its pursuit of professional development.

Sincerely,

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**Southern Nevada Regional Professional  
Development Program  
Nye County School District  
2016-2017  
State Report**



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## **NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Southern Nevada Regional Professional Development**

#### **General Operations**

Over the last year the Nye County School District has provided numerous professional development opportunities with the support of RPDP Regional Trainers. Trainings took place after school hours, on weekends, on in-service days, and during the early release Wednesday Professional Development time. Nearly all Nye County teachers and 20 administrators attended at least one RPDP training during the 2016/2017 school year. The two Nye County based RPDP trainers and part-time trainers worked with curriculum, district and school performance plans, staff development, instructional strategies, mentoring technology, continuation of the NEPF, the continuation of a new teacher induction program, curriculum developments district-wide, and aggregation and usage of data. These trainers assisted the region and serviced Nye County teachers and administrators in effective teaching strategies for all core subjects. Without the support of RPDP, NCSD would not have been able to provide a professional development program. Currently RPDP conducts professional learning opportunities in the following areas:

- **Mathematics**
  - Continued implementation of new math resources
    - Professional development including: lesson planning, online components and the correlation to the NVACS, as well as unpacking standards and curriculum development
    - Supplemental online resource (Aleks) support
    - Mastery Connect training
  - Secondary Math Summer Workshop
  - Math Class, for credit
- **Reading**
  - ELA (K-8) adoption implementation and support
  - Curriculum development team established and completed the following work: unpacking standards, developing unit maps, and unit guides
  - Close reading models
  - Wonders: Digging Deeper Course
  - Writing Workshop
  - Classroom modeling
- **Differentiated Instruction**
  - Tiering Assignments and Assessments
  - Instructional strategies for different learners
  - Data analysis and use for differentiating instruction
  - Classroom Engagement Course, for credit
  - NEPF Course, for credit
  - Support with Kagan strategies in the classroom
- **Integrated Technology**
  - Curriculum Engine trainings
  - Mastery Connect "Train the trainer" model trainings offered multiple times in the year and followed-up teacher support
  - Soft-start integrating Google into the classroom
  - Google I and II courses offered multiple times
  - General operations and troubleshooting
  - Technology Mini-session for new teachers
- **Leadership**



- Supervision and Instruction
- New Teacher "CHAMPION" program in conjunction with SB511
- New Teacher observations
- PLC development
- District 6-12 curriculum development team
- District PBIS development team
- Coordinated district Mentor program
- School Solution Tree Team member
- Read by 3<sup>rd</sup> Project Coordinator
- Instructional Coach Mentors
- **English Language Learner ELL**
  - WiDA Standards
  - WiDA Access training
  - WiDA Screener Online training
  - EL Collaboration Meetings
  - District EL Policy/Plan
- **State/District Committees and Representation**
  - School Performance Plan
  - School Performance Framework
  - WiDA Access testing
  - Nye County District Improvement Plan
  - Nevada Educator Performance Framework
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Collaboration
  - District Performance Plan
  - District Spelling Bee
  - Title III Coordinator
  - Kindergarten Collaboration
  - 2nd Grade Collaboration
  - New Teacher Champion Coordinator
  - District Read by 3rd Literacy Plan Committee members
  - District PBIS Team
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Collaboration
  - Elementary Principal Collaboration
  - State summative test trainings



## **Staff Development**

During the 2016/2017 school year, Nye County School District had five in-service days for teachers to engage in professional development. Throughout the year Nye County RPDP staff have provided staff trainers for those days in accordance with the wishes of principals and have also provided additional learning opportunities for the Nye County District. The RPDP trainers have directly supported nearly all of the 299 teachers of the Nye County School District. The following is a list of trainings that the regional trainers have provided for Nye County Schools throughout the 2016-2017 school year:

- Nevada Educator Performance Framework
- State Summative Assessment
- Instructional Strategies with MAP Data (MAP: Measures of Academic Progress)
- Differentiated Instruction
- Kagan Strategies
- Implementation of PBIS
- Small Group Strategies
- Peer Observation
- MAP reports: Data Analysis to Affect Instruction
- Using Formative Assessments to Inform Instruction
- Testing: Security
- Formative Assessments and Small Group Reading
- Literary Elements Nonfiction Strategies
- WiDA Access Testing Training
- Text Dependent Questioning
- Classroom Engagement
- Growth Mindset
- Informational Text Structures and Strategies
- Curriculum Engine
- District-wide First Grade Collaboration
- District-wide Second Grade Collaboration
- District-wide Kindergarten Collaboration
- Read by 3rd Literacy Plan
- District-wide Third Grade Collaboration
- Science Summer Workshop
- Mastery Connect
- Curriculum Development
- Read by Grade 3 Instructional Coach training





### **Technology**

All classrooms in Nye County have at least one computer that is connected to the internet and most of the elementary classrooms have four computers; all of the schools have computer labs. The Northwest Evaluation Association's (NWEA) MAP test is a key technological and informational focus in Nye County School District. To be adaptive, the test is administered on computers. All K-8 students are tested three times a year so students can be individually monitored for growth. High school Special Education students are tested as needed. Teachers were provided training administering the web-based formative test, to interpret the data and adjust their instruction according to the instructional data provided by NWEA/MAP.

Due to the fact that Nye County encompasses 18,400 square miles, reaching every community and teacher is a challenge. To help bring the teachers closer together for staff development and graduate level courses, the regional trainers have incorporated Google Hangouts, providing access for everyone regardless of location.

### **Mathematics**

During the past year the 6-12 math teachers of Nye County have been supported through curriculum team development at the district level, along with individual PLC support on PD Wednesdays. A math course was also offered for credit.

Three Instructional Specialists have aided teachers through classroom modeling and through coursework regarding the Nevada Academic Content Standards.

### **Reading & Writing**

Nye County coaches assisted in the implementation of a new reading series, K-8. Three Instructional Specialists support teachers in lesson development, as well as in classroom modeling.

District K-12 ELA curriculum teams were developed to support teachers in identifying essential standards, unpacking the standards, creating unit maps, learning guides, and lesson plans. Additionally, specialists assisted in the development and implementation of the district/site literacy plan, and trained additional site coaches.

RPDP also provided assistance to administrators in the preparation and training of teachers for the state summative assessment.



### **Leadership and School Improvement**

A new teacher initiative was continued with the financial incentive assistance of SB511, providing new teacher support through classes, observation, and mini-meetings. Each new teacher (40+) was assigned a coach to provide individual support in addition to the required classes, observations and mini-meetings. Teachers were surveyed and supported based on need.

With the implementation of Read by Grade 3, district specialists planned and facilitated elementary principal collaboration meetings. Additionally, the specialists trained site coaches in the Read by Grade 3 expectations, as well as roles/responsibilities.



Nye County School District

## **Regional Professional Development Program Training**

Reporting Requirement Pursuant to NRS 391.556

School Year Ended: 2013-14

<b>Unduplicated Attendance Counts</b>	<b>No.</b>
<b>Total Teachers, Administrators, and Staff Attending training sessions</b>	<b>319</b>

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