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Educators Urge Legislature and Governor to Make Changes that Would Allow Nevada to Apply for Federal Funds for Education

NSEA has solution to eligibility problem with "Race to the Top" funds

The Nevada State Education Association has proposed changes to state law that would adapt Nevada law to Federal Guidelines for the ["Race to the Top"](#) program.

"Our goal as educators is always to ensure our children receive the best education possible and toward that end we are proposing changes that would eliminate the barrier to applying for these funds," said NSEA President Lynn Warne. "Nevadans need to know that while this will eliminate the barrier, the bigger issue is a commitment to education. It is easy to posture and point fingers but unless the governor and legislators demonstrate a stronger commitment, we will never improve our kids' education."

The proposed change adds procedures for evaluations of teachers and other employees of a school district or charter school as a mandatory subject of bargaining at the local school district level. Additionally, the proposal would remove prohibition that provides that data relating to student achievement and test scores may be considered in evaluations but not the sole criterion in evaluating the performance of a teacher, paraprofessional, or other school employee in taking disciplinary action.

"We have supported current statute for years and still do, but we also have a history of developing programs at the local level through the negotiations process and are comfortable with making this shift to ensure we would be eligible for these much-needed funds," added Warne.

The "Race to the Top" program is an initiative of President Obama through his Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan. This program will provide \$4.35 billion to states that meet [federal guidelines and criteria](#). More specifically, it would provide up to \$175 million for Nevada

For more information on the proposal please contact NSEA Director of Government Relations Julie Whitacre at 702-733-7330, ext. 5025 or log on to www.nsea-nv.org to download a copy. We have attached a list of talking points for your use.



Discount Season Passes at Kirkwood

The Ormsby County Education Association and Lyon County Education Association have teamed up again to offer discounted season passes at Kirkwood. We have expanded our team to include members of any local affiliate of the Uniserv Council of Nevada, the Nevada State Education Association or the National Education Association. Kirkwood has expanded the offer to include your family, friends, and even friends of friends.

Below are some details on the best deal on an unrestricted Kirkwood 2009-2010 Network pass.

- There are no blackout dates.
- Never miss a powder day.
- Ski or ride any weekend, any holiday and never have to wait in a ticket window line.
- Kirkwood gets the deepest and driest snow in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

The price is only \$429* per pass!

(Order early to get next season's pass at a lower price.)

Valid 7 days a week with no restrictions.

(The Network Pass is not valid at Durango Mountain Resort)

Greetings! As your 09/10 Kirkwood Network Pass Representative, I'm happy to share with you this great deal available on a full winter of Tahoe's best skiing and riding!

Purchase before December 15th using this log in and password:

Network Log In: fargan

Network Password: kirkwood68

Purchase Your Pass Here:

<http://www.kirkwood.com/networkpass>

or

<https://skikirkwood.com/e-commerce/grpLogin2.aspx>

*Network Pass Rate Increase Dates: April 30, 2009; September 8, 2009; December 15, 2009.

Pricing is valid through December 15th. The current list price for a Kirkwood Unrestricted Pass on the Kirkwood website is \$559.

Contact [Steve Fargan](mailto:lolo@loloville.com) at: lolo@loloville.com (home e-mail) if you have any questions.

LCEA Nominations Form

Please give this form to an LCEA Executive Board Member (Building Reps and Officers) or FAX it to 246-6264 (Val Friskey, DES) by January 20, 2010.

You may also make a nomination at the LCEA Executive Board meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2009.

Nominations will close at the LCEA Executive Board meeting held at the Silver Stage High School Library in Silver Springs on 1/21/09.

I nominate the following LCEA members for offices for 2009-2011 (two-year term):

President: _____

Treasurer: _____

The offices of Vice President and Secretary will be up for election in 2011.

I nominate the following LCEA member as a delegate to NSEA Delegate Assembly 2010-2011 (two-year term):

I nominate the following LCEA member as a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly 2010 (one-year term):

LCEA Member Signature _____ **Date:** _____

LCEA Member Printed Name _____

As a courtesy, please make sure that the people being nominated are aware of and also approve of their nomination.

LCEA 2010 Mini Grant Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____ School: _____

Position: _____

If you attached any additional pages, please check here: Number of pages attached: _____

Please provide a brief description of what you plan to accomplish with the Mini Grant money.

Please provide an itemized budget which specifically outlines how the money would be spent. (The maximum dollar amount awarded for each LCEA Mini-Grant is \$200.)

How will this project benefit other LCEA members and/or their students?

I will write an article for the LCEA newsletter to report on the nature and success of the project.

Signature

Application Due to Association Building Representatives on or before Friday, February 12, 2010.