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Val Friskey Receives the Dedicated Educator Award

On Saturday, April 28th at the 2012 Nevada State Education Association Delegate Assembly Awards Banquet, Val Friskey received the Dedicated Educator Award.

Here is a just a little bit about Val:

During her career Val has taken on a wide variety of teaching assignments. Her versatility and experience allows her to excel at any task she takes on. Val is also very active in our association. For the past five years Val has served as both the Lyon County Education Association Vice President and Grievance Chair. Her knowledge, wisdom and calm demeanor makes her truly helpful to others. Val also continues to add to her skills by attending many events such as NEA's Representative Assembly, NEA's Pacific Regional Conference, NSEA's Delegate Assembly, NSEA's Summer Leadership Conference, UCN meetings as well as numerous other trainings. Everyone who has had the opportunity to work alongside Val certainly benefits from the experience.

A fun aspect of the Awards Banquet is that most of the recipients of the awards are not aware until their name is announced at the dinner. After a secret nomination by Jane Claar, gathering letters of recommendation from Val's colleagues, arranging for presenters to speak and sneaking members of Val's family to attend the event, Val was pleasantly surprised.



(Left) Presenter Dick Mesna "roasts" Val. (Right) Val and some of her family members.

Arbitrator Finds District Has Ability to Pay – Decision Favors Clark County Teachers and Students

The much-anticipated arbitration decision was announced May 2. The arbitrator, Philip Tamoush, stated he finds the Clark County School District has the ability to pay for the salary increases proposed in negotiations and that the Association's final offer was rational and achievable. The decision means that salaries for teachers will be adjusted for their educational experience.

Additionally, the CCSD's fund balance will have more than \$71 million at the end of the year-- confirming that there is NO need to lay off a single teacher.

"The Superintendent's office is being disingenuous when it talks about the need to lay off up to 1,000 teachers to balance its budget," said Clark County Education Association President Ruben Murillo. "They are misleading the public!"

To summarize, this means:

1. Salary movement for both education & experience prevails.
2. Reduction in Force (RIF) language that incorporates the legislature's intent, while protecting a teacher's right to due process, prevails.
3. CCSD will have to negotiate with CCEA on PERS rate increases.

For more information please go to www.ccea-nv.org

NSEA to Circulate Ballot Initiative to Increase K-12 Education Funding

The Nevada State Education Association announced today it will pursue filing an initiative petition to increase funding for K-12 public education. This announcement comes on the heels of an arbitrator's ruling citing the Clark County School District has the ability to pay the raises sought in negotiations. For months the district has claimed it cannot pay for the raises threatening to layoff 1,000 teachers.

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This debacle points to a larger problem facing schools all around Nevada and NSEA is committed to rolling up its sleeves to ensure this does not happen again.

"What has happened here with the Clark County School District and CCEA puts an exclamation point on the need for a ballot initiative to be circulated that will fix the state's tax and revenue structure and NSEA will play a key role in passing such measure," announced NSEA Executive Director Gary Peck at CCEA's news conference. "We will play a leadership role in moving that initiative. We're in the process of putting that together and reaching out to other stakeholders who share our common interests to properly fund K-12 public education in Nevada."

Stay connected to www.nsea-nv.org for updates and information.



Skier: Ron Shevock, Photo taken by Steve Fargan

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 2012-2013 Network pass.

- There are no blackout dates.
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Network Password: **kirkwood68**

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*The Final Network Pass price is \$499.

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