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Dr. Brenda Larsen-Mitchell Interim Superintendent Clark County School District 5100 West Sahara Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89146 Email: <u>larsebk@nv.ccsd.net</u>

Re: Request for Information on Clark County School District Budget Shortfall

Dear Interim Superintendent Larsen-Mitchell,

The Nevada Department of Education has learned that the Clark County School District may be facing significant budget shortfalls and may have already taken personnel actions related to such shortfalls. In addition to the Superintendent of Public Instruction's obligations under NRS 385.175 and 388G.580, the Department is obligated under NRS 387.3039 to inspect the record books and accounts of boards of trustees.

The reports of a potential budgetary shortfall are extremely concerning. Please provide answers to the following questions no later than October 3, 2024:

- 1. Was the report to the Nevada Department of Education and the Department of Taxation, as required by NRS 387.303, amended, in need of amendment, or otherwise determined to be inaccurate?
- 2. Were any of the reports required by NRS 388G.650(1), NRS 388G.660(1), or NRS 388G.680(1) amended, in need of amendment, or otherwise determined to be inaccurate?
- 3. Have any of Clark County School District's budgetary assumptions, calculations, or allocations for the 2023-2024 or 2024-25 school years been determined to be inaccurate, incomplete, or in need of amendment?

4. Does a budgetary shortfall currently exist at Clark County School District, and if so, what is the approximate amount of the shortfall? (Please provide your best estimate by October 3, 2024, rather than waiting for more precise information.)

If the answer to any of the above questions is yes, please also provide the following information:

- 5. When will amended reports be issued?
- 6. What caused the incorrect assumptions, calculations, or allocations?
- 7. What is Clark County School District's plan to address the shortfall?
- 8. Is your office asking schools to use prior-year carryforward funds to make up the deficit?

Please provide the most accurate answers you can as soon as you are able, but no later than October 3, 2024.

Sincerely,

Jhone M. Ebert Superintendent of Public Instruction