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Re: NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE

President Garcia Morales and Interim Superintendent Larsen-Mitchell,

In my capacity as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, I have the responsibility to ensure transparency and accountability in the allocation of state funding for public education.¹ To fulfill this responsibility, we at the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) rely on local education agencies to maintain and report accurate, complete, and timely information.² Accordingly, I have been in communication with Interim Superintendent Brenda Larsen-Mitchell regarding the Clark County School District's (CCSD or District) recent budget issues and have received two responses to requests for information from Dr. Larsen-Mitchell to date.

After reviewing those responses, NDE remains concerned about the District's leadership, policies, and processes that prevented CCSD's local school precincts from receiving timely and accurate funding information prior to the start of the 2024-25 school year. In the District's response to NDE dated October 21, 2024, Dr. Larsen-Mitchell acknowledged the District's failure to provide up-to-date information to local school precincts and further indicated that CCSD does not have processes and procedures in place to adequately manage new information received by the District after January 15.

¹ See NRS 387.121(2).

² See NRS 387.1244, NRS 387.185, NRS 387.205, NRS 387.301, NRS 387.303, NRS 387.3035, NRS 387.3037, NRS 387.3039, NRS 387.304, NRS 387.320, NRS 387.370, and NRS 388G.580.

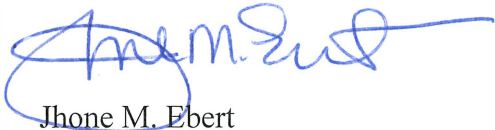
Dr. Larsen-Mitchell identified the root causes of this failure as “(1) insufficient process documentation and communication and (2) organizational and process silos.” **This failure to update the information required under NRS 388G.650(1), NRS 388G.660(1), and NRS 388G.680(1) hinders NDE’s ability to effectively carry out our statutory oversight of state funding for public education and undermines the legislative intent of ensuring transparency and accountability in public school funding.**

Furthermore, under NRS 388G.580, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to ensure compliance with the Reorganization Law (NRS 388G.500 – NRS 388G.810). **By failing to provide accurate, complete, and timely information, CCSD has adversely affected the rights of local school precincts, including their ability to control their plan of operations.**³

Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice of non-compliance with NRS 387 and NRS 388G⁴ and will be followed by a request for a plan of corrective action, including the appointment of a Compliance Monitor.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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Superintendent of Public Instruction

cc: Ryan Cherry, Chief of Staff, Nevada Office of the Governor

³ See NRS 388G.650, NRS 388G.700, NRS 388G.710, and NRS 388G.740.

⁴ See R065-22, Section1(1).