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### **Nevada Students and Public Education Win the Mid-Term Election**

*NSEA calls on newly elected leaders to make good on public education promises*

(Las Vegas / Reno, NV) – Nevada voters sent a clear message today in support of strong public schools, electing NSEA endorsed candidate Commissioner Steve Sisolak Governor and delivering large majorities to the State Legislature. Candidates up and down the ballot campaigned on improving and adequately funding Nevada’s public schools, an issue that is among the most important to families, students, and educators. Early in the campaign, Governor-elect Sisolak even promised to not draw a Governor’s salary until schools are back on track.

“Public education was on the ballot, and it won! Tonight’s overwhelming victory is clear evidence that Nevadans are committed to improving our public schools,” said NSEA President Ruben Murillo, Jr. “We look forward to continuing our work with Governor-elect Sisolak and pro-public education legislators to bring meaningful new investment in our schools, so that every Nevada student has access to a high-quality public education.”

NSEA members joined their peers across the country and engaged aggressively in this election, contributing to candidates, knocking on doors, making calls, and sending text messages in races across the state. NSEA also moved a significant political program through our Political Action Committee (PAC) Strong Public Schools Nevada and in coalition with America Votes, For Our Future, and Nevada Values PAC.

With major support from the National Education Association (NEA), Strong Public Schools Nevada invested more than \$2 million in the 2018 campaign. For Our Future Nevada knocked on more than half a million doors. Nevada Values PAC brought a stinging digital campaign that ended the political career of anti-public education crusader Michael Roberson. NSEA was a proud partner in Nevada’s overall progressive organizing effort that helped bring our candidates across the finish line but also continued to build political power for overlooked communities heading into the 2019 Legislative Session.

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*Nevada currently ranks 47<sup>th</sup> in the country in per-pupil school funding and falls near the bottom in most other national school metrics.*