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### **Clark County Educators choose a future promising strength and unity – form new union NEA-Southern Nevada (NEA-SN)**

*Frustrated by a collapsing health trust, zero leverage at bargaining table, and the theft of \$6 million in member dues, teachers vote to take control of their own destiny*

(Las Vegas, NV) -- Clark County educators proudly announce the formation of a new teacher union the National Education Association of Southern Nevada, NEA-SN. NEA-SN invites all Clark County teachers and licensed staff to consider joining this new association, the only teacher union recognized by the National Education Association (NEA) in Nevada.

"NEA-SN is about unity with our profession so we can have real strength here in Nevada. When you see what's happening in West Virginia, Arizona and Oklahoma – these are the problems and issues we face here in Nevada. Teachers in those states didn't solve their problems standing alone. We need to stand in unity with our colleagues at the state and national level and the best way to do that is being affiliated with the NEA," said Sarah Sunnasy, Clark County Teacher. "NEA-SN is the true voice of educators in Southern Nevada. We are member led, member run, and the only union connected to 3.1 million education professionals through the NEA."

"Clark County teachers are fed up with lies, deceit, and frankly a complete lack of leadership by CCEA. It's embarrassing when you see teachers in other states unified and winning and we keep losing ground because of bad mistakes and an executive director who seems more motivated by seeing his picture in the paper than fighting for a good contract," said Chet Miller, Clark County teacher.

"Nationally, a wave of education protests is shutting down schools in right to work states, spotlighting the focus on public education funding, educator salaries, and working conditions. Today the members of the Arizona Education Association are supported by allies in Nevada through the latest NEA affiliate, NEA-SN. The new members of NEA-SN will have their voices heard in a collective manner with the NEA and NSEA in advocating for what's best for public education, here in Nevada and nationally," said Ruben Murillo, Jr. NSEA President.

Educators who join NEA-SN will receive the full benefits of an NEA membership. When CCEA began illegally withholding dues in September 2017 without members' permission, members were unknowingly stripped of their legal and liability protection provided by the state and national associations. Joining NEA-SN will return Clark County educators to members in good standing status and they can feel secure in knowing they have the strength of the nation's largest union behind them when they need them.

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