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2009 Legislative Session Underway... *NSEA...advocating for you in Carson City*

Welcome to the 2009 Session of the Nevada Legislature. The Nevada State Education Association—your state association, or union as some call us—has a team of lobbyists in Carson City working for you each and every day. The team is comprised of leaders from all around the state that members like you have elected to represent them. They are also on this team with staff employees experienced in lobbying the Nevada Legislature.

This session promises to be a challenging one as the governor is proposing drastic and irresponsible cuts to the education budget. Our team has been meeting with lawmakers for months now to ensure the schools, students, teachers, and support professionals are their top priority. Join NSEA's lobbying efforts by becoming a cyber lobbyist. We have many systems in place in which you can stay informed and involved. It is extremely important the legislators hear from you, first hand, how the proposed cuts would negatively impact the work you do.

Here's how you can be involved:

The Legislative Action Center—on our website, www.nsea-nv.org, you can get all the updates you need. You can also contact your legislators directly from our site. Track bills, download talking points, and contact your legislators on the different issues.

Member Matters, NSEA's E-Newsletter—this is a bi-weekly publication that is delivered directly to your e-mail inbox. You will find all the latest developments in this easy to read E-Newsletter.

Capitol Watch—these are video updates directly from Carson City. NSEA President Lynn Warne will be telling you all about the week's events.

Become our fan on **Facebook**—Just search "Nevada State Education Association" and stay up to date with late-breaking developments. Check out all the other helpful tools we have posted on our Facebook page.

We encourage you to stay informed throughout the session. The NSEA Lobby Team will be calling on you to take part in e-mail, or post-card writing campaigns, as well as to take part in any other activities that may help get the message across to the governor and lawmakers.

We look forward to a productive session as we work to preserve the education budget and fight bad legislation that impacts our profession. We're confident our presence, and your support, will get us the results we're looking for—\$ay NO to Education Cuts!

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