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NSEA Leaders and Members Make Case for Sparing Cuts

DSA Heard in Carson City

As mentioned in last week's issue of the Capitol Reporter, the Distributive Schools Account—DSA—was heard today in Carson City in a joint K-12 education subcommittee. NSEA President Lynn Warne, along with Teacher of the Year LeAnn Morris and ESEA Board Member David Brooks testified before the committee members on the harsh impact should the proposed budget cuts take effect.

"Nevada's students need good teachers in order to succeed," Warne testified. "In order to attract and retain quality educators, Nevada needs to pay teachers well."

Her comments were followed by Morris' and Brooks' remarks which further personalized the effects of the cuts.

Members have been doing a fine job in reaching out to lawmakers with their story. The effects would be devastating to all—our members and the kids. Nevada ranked 49th in the nation in per pupil spending in 2006—that's \$2,830 below the national average. If the governor's budget is passed as proposed, we would move to ranking 50th in the nation. We have to do all we can to keep this from happening.

Please join the in the lobbying efforts by contacting your legislators and encouraging your members to do so as well. Urge legislators to support preserving your salaries and benefits. You can direct members to our website, www.nsea-nv.org and click on **Say NO to Education Cuts** to contact them directly, or print the attached talking points and distribute them. Feel free to organize letter-writing or postcard writing efforts to reach out to legislators.

NSEA Leaders Urge State Lawmakers to Use Stimulus Dollars for Schools Wisely

Take Education Cuts off the Table, Say Parents, Teachers and Students

NEA, along with NSEA, CCEA, and ESEA, hosted a community, media event today at Del Sol High School in Las Vegas in an effort to thank Nevada's Congressional Leadership for their support in passing the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. The act, more commonly known as the stimulus package, should infuse millions of dollars into our schools.

Congresswoman Dina Titus was thanked by Ruben Murillo, Clark County Education Association President, and Bo Yealy, Education Support Employees Association President, and other community leaders. Wednesday, in Carson City, NSEA President Lynn Warne presented Senator Harry Reid with a bushel of apples to thank him for his leadership in passing this bill.

Educators across the country sent thousands of emails and made thousands of phone calls to urge lawmakers to pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The legislation puts millions of Americans back to work and will keep thousands of schools and libraries open. It will also modernize schools and labs to provide students with 21st century learning environments.

"Times are tough now, but our economy *will* recover, and when it does our state needs to be ready. We will thrive in a resurgent economy if we maintain our commitment to providing quality education," said Rep. Dina Titus.

For more information on the financial impact of the stimulus package log on to www.nea.org.