

## **NSEA SUPPORT FOR AB155**

Date: February 26, 2019

To: Assembly Committee on Education

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 185 – Silver State Opportunity Grant Revisions

The Nevada State Education Association represents teachers and education support professionals across the state. We believe every Nevada student deserves a high-quality public education.

### **NSEA supports Assembly Bill 155, revising the eligibility requirements for Silver State Opportunity Grants.**

NSEA members care about our students as we teach them in K-12 schools, we also care about their opportunities in furthering their education through institutions of higher education and beyond. We understand that many of our students come from low-income households and require support to enter institutions of higher education. That is why NSEA supports Silver State Opportunity Grants and the proposed revisions to eligibility offered in AB155.

Students from low-income households face a variety of challenges in their day to day lives, in the classroom, at home, at work and financially. Having a more manageable course load would allow many students who have significant other responsibilities to continue to pursue higher education. Given that students from low-income households in Nevada are disproportionately from communities of color, this is both an economic, racial and social equity issue.