

NSEA SUPPORT SB467

Date: March 31, 2019
To: Senate Committee on Education
Re: NSEA Support for SB467

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 SB467 to extend the Zoom and Victory school programs in Nevada.

The Zoom and Victory school programs are symbols of what is going right in Nevada's public schools.

Zoom schools have provided English Language Learners interventions such as extended school years, reading skills centers, family engagement, half-day pre-schools and professional development for teachers. This comprehensive package of programs and services have resulted in increases in English language proficiency as well as improved academic achievement.

Victory schools have provided a program of successful interventions for at-risk students, including prekindergarten programs, summer academies, professional development for teachers, reading skills centers, integrated student supports and wrap-around services, health care services to pupils and their families, parent engagement programs, and programs to improve school climate and culture.

An external evaluation of the programs by ACS Ventures and the UNLV Center for Research, Evaluation, and Assessment show positive results demonstrating improvement in student performance. The study recommends continued funding for Zoom and Victory school programs along with enhanced professional development for educators at Zoom and Victory schools. NSEA is supportive of these recommendations.