It’s Time for 20 to address the crisis in Nevada public schools. With an unprecedented shortage of educators to teach our kids and make our schools run, Time For 20 means a 20% increase in educator pay and at least $20/hour for the workers who make our schools run. With some of the largest class sizes in the country, Time for 20 means reaching an average class size of 20 students in core academic subjects.

The Economic Policy Institute reports public school teachers are paid 23.5 less than similar workers in other occupations.

According to the National Education Association’s ranking of the states, the number of Nevada teachers decreased by 6% from 2011-12 to 2020-21 while their inflation adjusted pay decreased by over 7%.

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The nationwide educator shortage is especially bad in Nevada. As we began the 2022-2023 school year, our Nevada schools were short over 3,000 positions. As of 2023, there are still about 2500 statewide vacancies.

According to Data Insight Partners, from August through January of this year there have been 67% more licensed staff separations than a typical year over the same time period, including 300 more than last school year.

Thousands of education support professionals across the state earn significantly below a living wage, with starting salaries as low as $10-$11 per hour.

A chronic bus driver shortage at the Clark County School District caused serious delays this school year, stranding students for hours. CCSD has announced new school schedules for next school year to help ameliorate the crisis.

The latest inflation data shows prices are climbing at the fastest pace in 40 years, with CPI now at 7.5%. Home and rent prices have skyrocketed across Nevada, with average rents up over 20% over the last year.