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NSEA President's Update – November 2008 Elections

By Lynn Warne, Nevada State Education Association President

NSEA Endorsed Candidates Win Big! More than 75 percent take races

NSEA is happy to report that approximately 75 percent of the endorsed candidates won their elections Tuesday.

"We're so proud of those candidates and are happy that the hard work and commitment of our members contributed to the success of these individuals," commented NSEA President Lynn Warne. "We look forward to working hand in hand with these incumbents and newly-elected leaders to see the ever-increasing needs of K-12 public schools in Nevada are met."

The next step is preparing for the 2009 Legislative Session. NSEA will be on the ground in Carson City lobbying Nevada's lawmakers to protect members' rights as well as to implement legislation to ensure we can provide quality public schools for Nevada's students. We will be counting on your involvement and support throughout the session. Stay tuned for ways in which you can become involved to ensure our success in Carson City.

Passage of Questions 5 in Clark and WC#6 in Washoe Counties Send a Clear Message

We did it! Question 5 in Clark County and WC 6 in Washoe County passed with significant voter approval. The approval of the advisory questions sends a clear mandate from the community that our state's education funding should be a top priority.

Our next step will be to head to the legislature and provide them with the evidence they need to approve our education funding solution.

While we are hopeful the legislature will respond to the will of the voters, if they choose not to act on the initiative within 40 days of the 2009 Legislative Session, the question will appear on the 2010 general election ballot for final voter approval.

Stay tuned for more information and for ways in which you can get involved. Thanks again for all your support!

Duty Now For the Future

An editorial by Steve Fargan

We all have an important duty now. What we choose to do now will determine our future. During the current challenging times we have an opportunity and a responsibility to be involved in changes that will shape our future.

It is important to see both sides of issues. It is also helpful to think of creative solutions. When looking at a financial situation it is crucial to look at both sides of the equation.

Decisions need to be made that take into account the long-term as well as the short term results.

Decisions need to be made based on love and concern, not based on an atmosphere of fear.

These decisions need to be well informed decisions. I strongly encourage educators to share their first hand information, ideas, and vision for the future with legislators on the state and national level. Decisions made by the Nevada State Senate and Assembly during the upcoming session will affect our students for a time period longer than the biennium. The content of the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (currently referred to as No Child Left Behind) will greatly influence nearly every student and educator in our nation for many years to come.

Here are some resources to help you make contact and give input.

Visit the NSEA website:

<http://www.nsea-nv.org>

Sign up for NSEA's electronic newsletter, Member Matters:

http://www.nsea-nv.org/contact_update.cfm

Visit the NEA website:

<http://www.nea.org>

Visit the NEA Legislative Action Center:

<http://www.nea.org/home/LegislativeActionCenter.html>

As always, your input on local issues is certainly welcome. Feel free to attend our UCN Executive Board meetings, share ideas with your building reps, and/or contact me directly (lolo@loloville.com)

Use Your Membership Discount Card for Great Savings

Your NSEA Membership/Discount card should have arrived to you by now. This card provides members with discounts on most of your favorite retailers, leisure services, dining, and travel. It also serves as your identification card for your membership in your local affiliate, NSEA, and the NEA.

Activate your card by clicking on '**Members Only**' on the top right side of the screen of the NSEA homepage (<http://www.nsea-nv.org>), and start saving immediately. If you have not received your card, please call 800-248-6732. Happy Savings!

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