Nevada ESEA Waiver Fast Facts – January 2014

Nevada's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver Request was approved in August of 2012.

The ESEA Waiver provides Nevada the authority to implement the State's ambitious education reform agenda, the Nevada School Performance Framework.

The Nevada School Performance Framework is the State-developed plan to prepare all students for college and career readiness, substantially raise the achievement of the lowest achieving students, and support effective teaching and school leadership.

In the absence of Congressional reauthorization of the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act, authority was granted by the United States Department of Education (USED) to implement education reform plans specific to state needs and values and designed collaboratively with Nevada stakeholders.

USED's Waiver extension guidance requires all approved states to address the same core principles of current ESEA Flexibility, including:

- Principle 1: Implementing College-and Career-Ready (CCR) Standards and Aligned, High-Quality Assessments
- Principle 2: State-Developed, Differentiated Systems of CCR Accountability and Support
- Principle 3: Supporting Effective Instruction through Systems of Educator Evaluation

States must reapply in order to continue to operate under their approved ESEA Waiver Requests. This one-year extension will allow states and USED to gather more information on successes and challenges in implementing reform efforts.

Nevada will be applying for a one-year extension of its current ESEA Waiver Request. The ESEA Waiver extension is intended to allow Nevada and other states to "stay the course" on existing ESEA Waivers, with a focus on monitoring and strengthening current reform initiatives.

The extension application is due by the end of February, with USED response anticipated for spring of 2014. The extension will allow Nevada to continue its Waiver activities through school year 2014-2015.

For further information about Nevada's ESEA Waiver, visit the ESEA Waiver page on the Nevada Department of Education website. The URL for that page is:
http://www.doe.nv.gov/Resources/NV_ESEA_Waiver/