

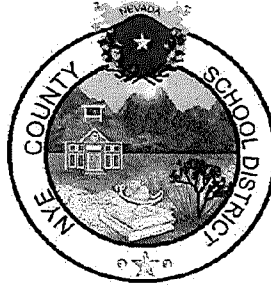
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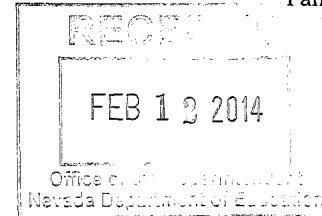
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February 7, 2014

Mr. Dale Erquiaga, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Members of the Nevada State Board of Education
Nevada Department of Education
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Re: Proposal to include JROTC as an option for the one credit required in Arts/Humanities/CTE for standard and advanced diplomas

Dear Superintendent Erquiaga and Members of the State Board of Education:

On behalf of the Nye County School District, I am writing to support the proposal from the Education Alliance of Washoe County to the State Board to include JROTC (Level III or Level IV) as an option for the one credit required for graduation in "Arts and Humanities, or Career and Technical Education."

Our district offers JROTC at Pahrump Valley High School. Our staff can attest that JROTC offers our young people employability skills and values that will be of enormous benefit to them regardless of whether they pursue a career in our military services or in some different venue. Like our CTE programs, JROTC gives students content specific to a particular highly skilled career but, even more, training in workplace readiness skills valued by all employers and transferable to any potential career.

This credit in Arts, Humanities, CTE, or JROTC (we hope) recognizes that our students choose different pathways to a variety of careers. Some graduates will proceed directly to college, many of which require a credit in arts or two credits in a foreign language for admission. Some graduates will proceed directly into the workforce, the military, or training/apprenticeship programs, where having had early exposure to expectations of the workplace will be wonderful preparation. Including JROTC in the options for this credit along with CTE provides another pathway to the same end of Career and College Readiness.

I hope that you and the State Board will approve this proposal and add JROTC to this Arts/Humanities/CTE required credit. It will have a positive impact on the students of our school district.

Sincerely,



Dale A. Norton, Superintendent
Nye County School District

cc: Ms. Denise Hedrick, Executive Director
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