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NDE RECEIVES \$434,465 GRANT TO AID HOMELESS STUDENTS

CARSON CITY, NV – The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) has received a competitive grant to support programs that will assist students experiencing homelessness, and gain access to all appropriate educational opportunities and services.

“This funding will help increase awareness of homelessness and reduce its effects on schools and communities,” said Steve Canavero, Ph.D., State Superintendent of Public Instruction. “It will help us gather valuable information, promote effective practices and increase collaboration among stakeholders and improve training opportunities in our schools.”

NDE will receive approximately \$434,465, to be distributed to school districts for competitive grants authorized under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Awards will be based on the quality of the project and its ability to excel as a model for Nevada students. In addition, proposals must show a well-developed, feasible plan for meeting the needs of homeless children and youths, including but not limited to professional development opportunities for staff, an evaluation plan of the program’s effectiveness, strong collaboration with at least two community-based organizations, public agency or other nonprofit organization, and focused effort on reducing the achievement gap for students experiencing homelessness.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act can be accessed by visiting the U.S. Department of Education website: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/homeless>.

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