MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents and Administrators of Charter Schools FROM: Keith W. Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada Department of Education

SUBJECT: Teacher Shortage Areas for Federal Loan Deferment

The U.S. Department of Education has approved the attached list of Teacher Shortage Areas, designated by the Nevada Department of Education. Please note: each year has different shortage areas approved. Educators working in the critical shortage area in the designated school year may be eligible for loan deferment.

To apply for loan forgiveness or deferment you would need to apply through the **holder of your loan**.

Federal Stafford/SLS borrowers who have questions concerning their loans, including the teacher shortage area deferment, should contact the Federal Student Aid Hotline at 1-800-4FED-AID; For FFEL or Stafford loans you should check your promissory note and contact the lender or guarantor holding your loan, or the state education agency in the state where you are teaching.

For a Direct Loan you would contact the U.S. Department of Education's Direct Loan Servicing Center at 1-800-848-0979.

For a Federal Perkins Loan you would contact the school where you received the Perkins Loan. • 34 CFR 674.53© enables Federal Perkins Loan borrowers who are full time teachers of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education or **any other field of expertise**, that the State has determined there is a shortage of qualified teachers, to qualify for cancellation of up to 100% of their loan.

The following web site will provide you with additional information regarding the cancellation and deferment provisions for the Title IV programs:

http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/teachercancel.jsp?tab=rep
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The following web site has the annually published Low-Income School Listing:

http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/cancelperk.jsp?tab=repayi
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- 34 CFR 686.12(d) enables grant recipients to fulfill their teaching obligation under the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program; and
- 34 CFR 653.50(a)(2)(ii) enables scholars to qualify for the reduction of teaching obligation under the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program. Douglas Scholars should contact the State agency that awarded the scholarship

The attached list of teacher of shortage areas is effective immediately until a new list is distributed. If the above references do not resolve individual questions, please contact Mary A. Miller, Program and Management Analyst, at 202-502-7824 or via email at mary.miller@ed.gov