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GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM #18-04

TO: School District Superintendents and District Grants Departments

FROM: Steve Canavero, Ph.D.
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SUBJECT: Designation of Victory Schools for the 2018-19 School Year

This memorandum provides clarification on the designation of Victory Schools in Clark County, Elko County, Humboldt County, Nye County, and Washoe County School Districts for the 2018-2019 school year.

In accordance with language approved by the 2017 Nevada State Legislature, the Nevada Department of Education identified Victory Schools in consultation with the eligible school districts.

Assembly Bill 447, Section 1 states: *The designation of a public school as a Victory school pursuant to this subsection must be made in consultation with the board of trustees of the school district in which the prospective Victory school is located.*

Assembly Bill 447, Section 2 states: *The Department shall designate each Victory school for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year on or before June 1, 2017.*

Assembly Bill 447, Section 16 states the Victory School reporting requirements for the 2017-2019 biennium: *a Victory school designated for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year, on or before November 30, 2018, and November 30, 2019, the board of trustees of each school district in which a Victory school is designated and the governing body of each charter school that is designated as a Victory school shall submit to the Department and to the Legislative Committee on Education a report, which must include, without limitation:*

(a) *An identification of schools to which money was distributed pursuant to subsection 3 for the previous fiscal year;*

(b) *The amount of money distributed to each such school;*

(c) A description of the programs or services for which the money was used; (for a complete list of report requirements, see AB 447, Section 16.a-f)

Based on the poverty and achievement data that was available in the spring of 2017, and after consultation with local school districts, the Nevada Department of Education determined prior to June 1, 2017 to continue to serve the same Victory Schools that were served during the 2015-2017 biennium for the 2017-2019 biennium. The Victory School reporting requirements prescribe that local education agencies with Victory Schools are to report on the Victory school's funding for both the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years.

Victory Schools that realized increases in student achievement resulting in 3-Star or 4-Star ratings under the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) will continue their Victory School designation for the 2018-2019 school year.

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