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**STATEMENT FROM STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
DALE ERQUIAGA REGARDING GOVERNOR SANDOVAL'S  
EDUCATION PROPOSALS AND UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS**

**Carson City, Nevada** – State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dale Erquiaga today issued the following statement regarding Governor Sandoval's proposals for improving education:

"Last night Governor Sandoval unveiled his proposals for improving education and he focused on persistently underachieving schools by saying it was time to draw a line in the sand. His message is clear - Nevada will not accept failure. The Governor has proposed new funding for school turnaround, literacy, early childhood, great teaching and leading, and other critical programs to support student learning. In addition to new funding, the Governor has proposed an achievement school district, an entirely new approach to school improvement, to ensure that our system of public education will be able to achieve the results our students and communities deserve. If operational by School Year 2016-17, the achievement district could manage a number of the 78 schools we are identifying today. I am saddened to release the attached list of underperforming schools, but the Department of Education shares the Governor's commitment to supporting the next generation of Nevadans. We look forward to working with Superintendent in Residence Pedro Martinez to design the new achievement district and secure legislative approval. We also look forward to working with the existing school districts, and especially school staff to get these schools off the list entirely."

Superintendent Erquiaga also announced that Mr. Martinez will not be paid with State dollars. Private donations will be raised to fund the work of developing the achievement school district.

Nevada reports underperforming schools in three categories: Priority, Focus and One Star. These are federal and state designations denoting persistent underperformance. A total of 78 schools are designated as of January, 2015.

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# Nevada Department of Education

## Underperforming Schools



### Priority Schools

A Priority School is among the lowest 5% of Title I-served schools based on performance. Priority Schools have room for substantial improvement in whole school proficiency and growth. Intensive district and community assistance will provide this school with support necessary for improvement.

District	School Name
Carson	Pioneer HS
Clark	Innovations ES
Clark	One Hundred Academy ES
Clark	Fitzgerald ES
Clark	Lowman ES
Clark	Kelly ES
Clark	Petersen ES
Clark	West Prep Secondary (MS)
Clark	Monaco MS
Clark	Bailey MS
Clark	Innovations HS
Clark	Valley HS
Clark	Eldorado HS
Clark	Mojave HS
Clark	Del Sol HS
Clark	Desert Pines HS
Clark	Odyssey HS
Clark	Delta Charter HS
State Charter	Nevada Virtual Academy HS
State Charter	Nevada Connections Academy HS
Washoe	Desert Heights ES
Washoe	Hug HS
Washoe	Washoe Innovations Academy HS
<i>(Schools listed above identified based on 2013-2014 school data)</i>	
Nye	*Amargosa Valley ES
Clark	*Canyon Springs HS
Clark	*Chaparral HS
Clark	*Western HS

***\*Denotes Priority schools carried forward from previous designation (Priority schools are identified every three years). These schools have not met the current criteria to exit Priority status and this list may be revised if new Priority school exit criteria are approved.***

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### Focus Schools

A Focus School is among the lowest 10% of Title I-served schools based on their achievement gaps. Focus Schools have room for substantial improvement in the area of student achievement with specific sub-group populations, such as, students with disabilities, English Language Learners, and/or low-income students.

District	School Name	District	School Name
Clark	Lunt ES	Churchill	*Numa ES
Clark	Treem ES	Clark	*Craig ES
Clark	Thorpe ES	Clark	*Diaz ES
Clark	Cortez ES	Clark	*Paradise ES
Clark	Carl ES	Clark	*Reed ES
Clark	Dearing ES	Clark	*Roundy ES
Clark	Priest ES	Clark	*Squires ES
Clark	Galloway ES	Clark	*Williams Tom ES
Clark	Moore ES	Elko	*Owyhee MS
Clark	Smith MS	Humboldt	*McDermitt ES
Clark	Gibson MS	Lincoln	*Caliente ES
Clark	Robison MS	Pershing	*Lovellock ES
Clark	Swainston MS	Pershing	*Pershing MS
Clark	Jerome Mack MS	Washoe	*Corbett ES
Clark	Innovations MS	Washoe	*Mitchell R. ES
Elko	Owyhee ES	White Pine	*McGill ES
Nye	Hafen ES		
Nye	Floyd ES		
Washoe	Vaughn MS		
White Pine	White Pine MS		
State Charter	Nevada Virtual Academy ES		

*(Based on 2013-2014 School Data)*

***\*Denotes Focus schools identified based on 2010-2011 data (Focus schools are identified every three years). These schools have not met the current criteria to exit Focus status, and this list may be revised if new Focus school exit criteria are approved.***

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### One Star Schools

A 1-Star School is a school that earned fewer than 32 index points from all the measures in the Nevada School Performance Framework. This means that the school has room for substantial improvement in multiple areas. The required engagement of district leadership will support the school in improvement planning and implementation of specified and effective practices.

District	School
Clark	Cambeiro ES
Clark	Delta Charter MS
Clark	Burk Horizon SW HS
Clark	Global Community HS
Clark	Academy of Independent Study HS
Clark	Desert Rose HS
Nye	Round Mountain ES
Nye	Gabbs ES
Nye	Pathways HS
Washoe	I Can Do Anything HS
Washoe	Rainshadow HS
State Charter	Silver State MS
Clark	Reid ES
White Pine	Steptoe Valley HS

*(Based on 2013-2014 School Data)*