

**AB4** – (Passed) Full Day Kindergarten was originally for all children and was reduced to only “at risk schools”. The funding will come from Governor Guinn’s \$50 million a year fund to help low performing schools. Clark County has 70 schools that will be eligible for full day kindergarten under this bill.

1. **AB580** – (Passed) It included many educational issues.

\$1 million+ to pay speech pathologists (5% increase in salary)

\$2.6 million for everyone but Clark County to purchase portables for kindergarten

\$100,000 for a Pre-K program for ELL students (requires matching funds from private sources)

\$1 million for grants for schools to provide behavioral program for students

\$1 million for performance pay/mentoring and other incentive programs for teachers

\$250,000 for Clark County Public Education Foundation (\$150,000 for Washoe County)

\$300,000 to release old copies of High School Proficiency Exam for use by students to prepare for the HSPE

**SB284** – (Died) Would have allowed legislature to fund the iNVEST ’05 Plan. The main tenets in this bill asked for adequate basic support, capacity to attract and retain a quality work force and increase student achievement.

**SB460** – (Passed) Provision governing class size reduction/flexibility. Affects all counties except Clark and Washoe.

**ACR10** – Directs Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study on adequacy of school financing in Nevada including a review of the “Nevada Plan”. The “Nevada Plan” represents the State of Nevada’s guarantee and legislative declaration “that the proper objective of state financial aid to public education is to ensure each Nevada child a reasonably equal education opportunity” (NRS387.121).

**SCR8** – (Died during the regular session, but resurrected in the special session) Plan to deconsolidate CCSD. This bill died in the regular session, passing the Senate and failing in the Assembly. However, it was added as a line item in the Special Session by the Senate as Sect. 39 of SB1. It simply provides funding of \$250,000 for a consultant to assist the interim committee to develop a plan for the deconsolidation of the Clark County School District. The plan will be presented to the 2007 Legislature.

**Overall**, education in Nevada did not make many gains during the 73rd Legislative Session. Nevada’s population continues to grow, bringing with it more students, more English language learner problems and not enough teachers to handle them. Without an adequate and sufficient funding mechanism, these problems will continue for Nevada’s schools. Truly, our work is again “cut out” for us in the 74th Nevada Legislative Session.

The NQE board of directors will closely monitor the development of interim committees over the

next few months. We will continue dialogue with the elected officials and others that influence education in preparation for the 2007 session.