

Member News

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Letter from the President

Another school year has begun. Yet it is very different from years past. We are beginning the 2009/10 years with a hiring freeze and 50% reductions in textbook and supply funding. Last school year K-12 lost vital programs and over \$130 million in per pupil funding. Making matters worse, state agencies including K-12 education are being asked to prepare reductions on 14.12% due to the grim financial forecast.

With the legislative session commencing in February, NQE will continue the fight for our students. We will be in Carson City advocating for programs, policies and funding vital to student success. Considering that the majority of Nevada's tax base is reliant upon revenue sources that fluctuate with economic trends, obtaining increased funding for K-12 will be more difficult than ever. We will again need YOU to help us help our youth.

Significant bills, legislative updates and "Important Call to Action" notices will be sent. NQE is the only organization in the state with a focused grass roots effort. Our notices and your action made a big impact last session.

Casilda Pagan, an NQE founder and former board member, will be in Carson City throughout the 2009 legislative session. Casilda worked during the interim meeting with business, gaming, legislators, community members and organizations preparing for the session. Because of her involvement, NQE will have greater influence and timely information on which to react. We encourage you to go to our website and review the NQE Legislative Platform for the 2009 session.

Words can not describe how much we appreciate your commitment and willingness to fight the fight!

Mary Jo Parise-Malloy

NQE Welcomes New Board Member

We would like to thank Bill Moore for his dedication to education through his work as an NQE Board Member. Bill, a full-time airline pilot, will continue to work behind the scenes with NQE as his schedule allows.

Steve Garnett has graciously accepted to serve on the board. Steve is actively involved in education. He has been PTA president at Roger Gehring Elementary School from 2005 to present and has served on the CCSD superintendent's task force for year round scheduling. He is a community volunteer sharing his talents by serving on The Three Square Food Bank and Development Committee, The Three Square Advisory Board and the American Culinary Federation Chef's Advisory Board. He is a businessman and dedicated father, coaching his son's football and soccer teams.

NQE is fortunate to have Steve serve on the NQE board.

2007 Nevada Report Card

The Nevada Department of Education has created a new public accountability reporting website: www.nevadareportcard.com.

The website provides access to school, district, state achievement information, student discipline, attendance, teacher qualifications, graduation and drop out rates, fiscal data and more.

Take the time to research reports on your school and district. The information is enlightening.

NQE interviewed candidates for The State Board of Education and school district trustee races in Clark, Washoe, Douglas and Carson districts. The following is a complete list of endorsements. Most candidates completed questionnaires which can be found on our website, reading them will help you make better decisions in the November election.

Clark County School District

District A- Deanna Wright

District E – Terri Janison

District C- Linda Young

Carson City School District

No endorsements were made

Douglas County School District

Area 3- Cindy Trigg

Washoe County School District

District E- Denny Martindale

State Board of Education

District 1- Sharon Frederick

District 8- Jonnie Pullman

District 3- Doris Wallace Fletcher

NQE is also supporting Chris Garvey, school district trustee candidate for District B in Clark County and has recommended Karen Chessell, school district trustee candidate for Area 1 in Douglas County.

NQE Membership and Donations

NQE is a non-profit organization funded through membership dues and private donations. We strongly encourage you to become an NQE member. Your donations and membership allow us to continue our efforts improving K-12 education throughout Nevada.

Membership is available on our website and donations may be sent to:

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Please show your support for what we do!

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