



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

Much of Nevada's education system is outdated and underperforming. As others migrate here, static county boundaries dictate our school districts, rather than our rapidly growing and richly diverse communities. This Nineteenth-Century design did not envision Nevada's success and as such, has left Nevada with some of the *largest* school districts in the nation, and some of the *worst*. Nevada is regularly last in national school rankings, even behind infamous districts in Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico. That's no coincidence.

Large school districts lose touch with their communities, waste money, and cannot fully or even adequately serve students, parents, families, and teachers. How can they? We currently have 1 board member for approximately every 45,000 students. The best districts in the nation have 1 board member for every 70 students. This disparity is undeniable. Our kids and communities deserve better. Much better. Every child is entitled to an excellent school, and every family a school district attuned to and responsive to their needs. Education is a community-wide endeavor, needing community-wide solutions. And it is clear that some of our large county-wide districts fall short and are incapable of delivering high-quality education to all segments of our diverse populations.

The Community Schools Initiative provides a solution to this problem: allow school districts to become smaller and more responsive to the communities they serve. We have filed a Statutory Ballot Initiative that will allow local communities to form their own school districts, replacing large county school districts with smaller community school districts. When it comes to education, one size does not fit all, and the wrong size fits none. Parents, students, teachers, and administrators grow frustrated and disillusioned. Problems persist, solutions are ignored, and lost years pile up on lost years. We can do better. We must do better. And we need your help to make it happen!

Our initiative will allow cities and municipalities to opt out of the county school district while maintaining the same state funding levels those schools, teachers, and students currently receive. A community school district can participate in sports and purchase goods and services with the County School District. Additionally, our teachers should know that their retirement will not be affected by this change. It truly is about making our schools the best they can possibly be.

We must collect 140,777 signatures by November 23, 2022 and submit them to the Secretary of State. The issue will then either be approved by the legislature or appear on the 2024 ballot for approval directly by the voters.

Our kids are counting on us. This is truly a historic moment for Nevada! We hope you will join us on our mission to save our schools.

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