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HOPE FOR NEVADA SUPPORTS LAWSUIT AGAINST STATE

Parents demand the State of Nevada to provide public school students with sufficient resources to be successful and to meet or exceed standards.

LAS VEGAS, NV, March 4, 2020 — A group of parents of public school students today announced a lawsuit against the State of Nevada for adequate and equitable education funding, represented by Educate Nevada Now, The Rogers Foundation, and pro bono legal partners. To date, Nevada is one of only three states remaining in the U.S. that has not been forced by state courts to adequately fund its K-12 public schools.

The plaintiffs in this lawsuit come from school districts across Nevada, representing myriad issues stemming from insufficient funding. One of the plaintiffs in Clark County, Caryne Shea, is a HOPE For Nevada executive board member. Although Mrs. Shea is representing only herself and her family in this lawsuit, HOPE For Nevada and its executive board members support her and the other plaintiffs' involvement in this action for sufficient public school funding and to declare the current educational system unconstitutional.

Given the messaging coming from Nevada's legislative leadership, it seems the only recourse students and parents have to combat the State's apathy toward funding public schools is to ask the courts to intercede. In doing so, the courts can ensure the legislature meets its constitutional obligation of providing adequate and sufficient resources to Nevada public schools.

HOPE For Nevada advocates for and is a champion of public education. HOPE For Nevada is a unified, nonpartisan voice of families, with the sole purpose of improving PK-12 funding and ensuring education adequacy and equity at state and local policy levels.

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