

**RESOLUTION 2011-09  
PAHRUMP TOWN BOARD**

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR AND STATE OF NEVADA  
LEGISLATORS TO DISPLAY COMMON SENSE AND FORTITUDE IN MAKING THE  
RIGHT DECISION ON THE EDUCATION BUDGET; AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED, WE  
THE STUDENTS, FIND OUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS AT RISK, ALONG WITH OUR  
ASPIRATIONS OF BECOMING WELL EDUCATED AND PRODUCTIVE NEVADANS

We are students from Nye County, Pahrump, Nevada. Through this resolution we are addressing our concerns on the Governor's decision to underfund the education budget for both K-12 and higher education. As you read our statements of concern, please look inward to the short- and long-range consequences of your decision to support the Governor's currently proposed budget for public education.

**WHEREAS** we are concerned that Great Basin College, facing a \$7.5 million shortfall, results in forcing the layoff of faculty and staff, cutting critical student services, closing education departments, reducing the number of courses offered, capping the number of students allowed in classes, and leading to the eventual closure of our Pahrump satellite education center.

**WHEREAS** we are concerned about Great Basin College being drawn into merging its rural mission with community colleges in Reno and Carson City; as we believe it will have a devastating impact on its ability to sustain our college center here in Pahrump and other rural locations.

**WHEREAS** we are concerned that Nye County School District, also facing a major budget reduction, will continue to close schools, eliminate education programs and services, and layoff teachers and support staff.

**WHEREAS** we are concerned on the diminishing of quality education and programs and course offerings at both Great Basin College and at Nye County School District, as closing and consolidating campuses is not in the best interest of the students nor our community.

**WHEREAS** we are concerned that decreased funding contributes directly to the dismantling of our public education system; thereby, preventing us the students, from accessing quality education.

**WHEREAS** we are concerned that the very foundation of our public education system is on a course of destruction from which it will take decades to recover; our ability of becoming an educated society will be eroded beyond recognition, and our ability to qualify for highly skilled, good paying jobs will be greatly impaired.

**WHEREAS** we are concerned about increased costs of college tuition and fees, along with access to higher education, in that the burden of a recessionary economy does not bring us jobs, but it brings us increased costs of living and forcing many of us to lose hope for having a future in Nevada.

**WHEREAS** we are concerned about well qualified and dedicated teachers and professors leaving our state to find employment; many of whom are unprotected because our system of education awards seniority, not teacher competency in the classroom.

**WHEREAS** we are concerned about Nevada's plan for economic development, as existing and new businesses contemplating relocation to Nevada will not find a culturally enriched, educated citizenry, nor will they find our public education systems in a position to train and educate us for the skilled jobs they demand.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

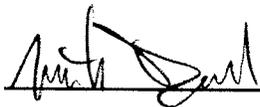
1. That the Governor and his cabinet and State of Nevada legislators need to open the door of communications and compromises on the education budget, give the education funding the top priority called for by the Nevada Constitution, and resolve the impending consequences his proposed budget will have on us, your students, enrolled in the public education system.
2. That the Governor and his team and State of Nevada legislators need to reassess the critical need to seek means of financing public education at levels that meet the national average of costs, including taxation as called for in the Nevada Constitution.
3. That the Governor and his team and State of Nevada legislators need to recognize that having a diversified economy requires investing in workforce development programs that are predicated upon an adequately funded education system which in order to achieve such diversity.

Motion proposed by Town Board Member:

Motion seconded by Town Board Member:

Approved and adopted this 14th day of June 2011

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Michael Darby, Town Board Chairman

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Carolene Endersby, Town Board Clerk





