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Dear District and School Leaders,

Thank you for your patience and leadership during the unprecedented circumstances created by COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus. To serve our community, the Nevada Department of Education remains open and we are working to respond to your questions in a timely fashion while ensuring accuracy given the dynamic climate.

As you know, on Sunday, March 15, Governor Steve Sisolak issued a declaration of emergency stating that all public school buildings in Nevada would be closed beginning March 16, 2020 and would reopen no earlier than April 6, 2020 if reopening on that date is approved by Nevada's Chief Medical Officer after a review of the risk of transmission within the geographic area as defined by the Chief Medical Officer.

The Governor's announcement included the expectation that each district will continue to pay its employees as budgeted for this fiscal year. I know you have been working with your teams to determine how best to deliver distance learning opportunities to your students during the upcoming weeks, and many districts have already begun to deliver distance learning. Options for delivering education may include online and virtual learning that you deem appropriate for your students or paper correspondence.

The expectation is that distance learning will commence no later than March 23 (or as soon as possible thereafter for districts currently on Spring Break). Two professional development days were dedicated to help staff prepare for distance learning during the week of March 16.

Thank you for your continued patience, flexibility, and leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jhone M. Ebert".

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Attachments