



2019 Legislative Priorities

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

- **Increase Funding for K-12 Education to Meet the Needs of Nevada's Students**
 - Education funding that increases base funding to provide all students, regardless of zip code, the opportunity and resources to succeed.
 - An updated funding formula that meets the needs of students in 2020 and beyond.
 - Weighted funding provided for all Nevada students including at-risk, ELL, Special Education and GATE students.
 - Adequate funding to ensure class size reduction in accordance with state recommended ratios.
 - Funding transparency that respects the will of voters to increase funding for education.
- **Ensure All Students have Safe and Supportive Schools**
 - School safety measures that address and provide funding for both physical safety and student support services.
 - Funding to improve staffing ratios of school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and nurses to provide school-based behavior, health and mental health services.
 - Professional development for all school-based employees on youth mental health and access to school and community based mental health services with appropriate funding.
 - Increase family and community involvement by removing the financial barriers of state mandated background checks.
 - Inclusion of transformative family-engagement standards in relevant legislation and policy.
- **Ensure Public Funds Support Public Schools**
 - Oppose programs that divert public education funds to non-public schools.