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Nevada State Board of Education 700 E. Fifth Street Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Members of the Nevada State Board of Education:

First, thank you for your service as members of the State Board of Education. I am grateful for your willingness to join me in one of the most significant efforts any governor could undertake—improving the lives, especially educational opportunities, for the state's children.

Second, I asked the people of Nevada for the chance to lead this state for many reasons, chief among them was for the opportunity to improve educational outcomes for every child in every classroom in the state. To show my commitment to this goal, Kathy and I are hereby committing to donate my net state salary on a quarterly basis to the Nevada Department of Education's Education Gift Fund to be distributed to each of Nevada's Title I schools to pay for the purchase of essential school supplies necessary for the instruction of pupils by classroom teachers. As you know well, Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) was enacted in 1965 as part of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty." Title I funding has been used in the decades since to support elementary and secondary schools with disproportionately large percentages of economically disadvantaged students.

With this letter, I ask that for each fiscal quarter for my current four-year term as Nevada governor, you evenly distribute this salary donation to Nevada's Title I schools in amounts equal to \$1,000 per school, donating to different schools each quarter, so that over the course of four years, each school receives \$1,000. Any remaining funds beyond that amount should be distributed evenly to all Title I schools. Please note that, by our count, there are currently 416 Title I schools statewide.

We recognize that we have made assumptions about the number of Title I schools as static. If this changes over the next four years, please make adjustments to these distribution metrics in coordination with my office.

It is a great honor to serve Nevada's residents as their governor. It is my sincere hope that with this donation, I can begin to fulfill my promise to our educators, families, and children and make a positive impact on our public schools.

Warmest Regards,

Governor Steve Sisolak State of Nevada