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CCEA Response to CCASAP Statement on Superintendent Jara

Although the Legislature is trying to move money in the state budget and use CARES dollars to bridge the budget shortfall, there will not be enough funds to stop all these cuts. In the end, there will still be devastating cuts to K-12 education, our students, and our educators. Today, that along with COVID-19 are the most pressing issues facing our school district.

CCEA's focus has been two-fold. First, for over a year CCEA has been advocating for new revenue for K-12. Since Governor Sisolak has proposed these cuts, we have been aggressively opposed because they will be devastating, particularly to the most at-risk students in CCSD. Second, CCEA has been working to ensure any reopening of the CCSD must be done with the greatest safety precautions and effectiveness for our educators and students. We are waiting for Governor Sisolak to release CARES dollars to meet this purpose.

In this moment of greatest need, the administrator's union has not fought against these cuts nor advocated for funding for our schools. What they have been focused on is Superintendent Jara; making him the most important issue of the day. Dr. Jara can answer for his own actions. Why isn't the administrator's union advocating for additional revenue and opposing these severe cuts to our school system. They have focused on simply removing the Superintendent-as if that would resolve all of the problems we are facing right now. We disagree. This is a distraction driven by a political agenda. CCEA will have no part of it.

CCEA will continue to fight against these severe cuts and we will continue to seek out revenue solutions as we have over the past Legislative Sessions. We advise the CCSD Trustees to remain focused on the task at hand. Our 320,000 students need more revenue, not cuts. Our 320,000 students need an effective educational model under COVID-19 conditions in order to learn. 40,000 CCSD staff and 320,000 students need a fully funded safety and health program if and when these schools reopen. Those are the matters of the day that the Trustees should be focused on.

Clark County Education Association is the largest teachers union in Nevada and represents over 18,000 licensed professionals in CCSD.