



March 21, 2017

Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson  
Assembly Education Committee  
Nevada Legislature, 79<sup>th</sup> Session

Re: AB186

Dear Assemblyman Thompson and Committee members,

Educate Nevada Now supports this bill. PreK and Kindergarten investments provide the greatest ROI of any education program. They are particularly effective when targeted at working class families and children where the primary language spoken at home is not English (ELL).

Nevada's education reform architecture that has been developed through bipartisan effort in the last three sessions is sound and ambitious; however, Nevada is playing catch up with other states in developing early childhood supports and policies. Nevada can significantly close the opportunity gap for children from working class and poverty backgrounds by passing and implementing this bill.

We support AB186 because it fills an important part of ed reform, the piece that gains the state the highest ROI.

Respectfully submitted,



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