



## PRESS RELEASE:

### *Professional Development is Key to Improving Literacy Levels in Nevada, But Are We Using Every Resource?*

#### **WHAT**

Nevada Succeeds and the Guinn Center for Policy Priorities will present a report on the current state of Professional Development in Nevada, highlighting both best practices as well as areas of opportunity to improve the current system, with a special focus on literacy outcomes – critical given Nevada’s large English Language Learner population.

The presentation will also speak to the unused federal funds that were revealed during the creation of this report, and how current resources can be reassigned or reprioritized in order to support Nevada’s teachers via Professional Development; presentation to be followed by a panel discussion of education leaders from across Nevada’s education system.

#### **WHEN**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Monday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

#### **WHERE**

The Public Education Foundation  
4350 S. Maryland Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89119

#### **Details**

Report Coauthors & Presenters:

*Seth Rau*, Policy Director at Nevada Succeeds

*Victoria Carreon*, Director of Research and Policy at the Guinn Center for Policy Priorities

Following the report presentation, a panel discussion will occur, and will feature the following panelists in addition to the two report presenters:

- *Dena Durish*, Director of Educator Effectiveness, Nevada Dept. of Education
- *Marty Gardner*, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, CCSD
- *Ernie Rambo*, Teacher leader at Johnson Middle School, CCSD
- *Salvador Rosales*, Coordinator IV, Reading Rangers/WIPR, English Language Learner Department, CCSD

Both Seth Rau and Victoria Carreon will be available for interviews following the event, and the full report can be found at: <http://guinncenter.org/publications/policy-reports/#EducatingNevada>

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