2019-20 K-12 Education Budget Highlights

- The estimated total basic support guarantee to all school districts for the 2019-20 school year is $2,962,485,269 (with $1.2 billion and $1.7 billion from State and local sources, respectively).
- This $2.9 billion for the 2019-20 school year reflects additional funds amounting to $84,629,135 from the 2018-19 school year - an increase of 2.9 percent.
  - Of the $84.6 million increase, $78.9 million is earmarked, but not mandated, for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the Governor’s budget, meaning that 93.2 percent of the increase is attributable to the COLA.
- Student enrollment is projected to increase from 482,292 to 491,444 between the 2018-19 to the 2019-20 school years - an increase of 1.9 percent.

Based on the increasing student population, the Guinn Center estimates that without the budgeted COLA in the Governor’s budget, each Nevada school district actually would receive, on average, $100 less in per pupil funding than in the prior year (2018-2019 school year). This creates a difficult choice for school districts: provide employees with COLA increases (and potentially reduce their budget) or use the budgeted COLA to fund regular operations.