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Hello educators, administrators, and staff across Nevada:

Welcome back to school for the 2026-2027 academic year! As another school year begins, I want to thank you for your unwavering commitment to Nevada's students. Your dedication, compassion, and hard work shape the future of our state every single day.

Let this new year be defined by growth, curiosity, and everlasting impacts on the lives of your students.

Over the summer, my administration worked closely with State Superintendent Wakefield and the Education Service Center to take meaningful steps toward reducing burdensome reporting requirements for schools and educators. By cutting unnecessary bureaucracy, we can shift our focus back to what matters most: supporting our students and empowering the educators who help them succeed.

Supporting Nevada's educators has remained one of my top priorities. In 2023, I approved \$250 million in pay raises for educators, and in 2025, I was proud to make those increases permanent and included charter school educators. I remain committed to advocating for you during the 2027 Legislative Session and will continue working to ensure you have the resources, support, and opportunities needed to provide every Nevada student with a high-quality education.

This year, I look forward to continuing our partnership as we pursue meaningful policy changes that strengthen student achievement and make it easier for teachers to do what they do best—teach. Your experience in the classroom and in our schools is invaluable, and I encourage you to share your ideas with my office. The strongest policies are created through collaboration with the people who know our education system best.

The school year always seems to pass quickly, so let's begin this one with optimism, determination, and a shared commitment to excellence. Together, we can make the 2026-2027 school a successful one for Nevada's students, educators, and communities.

Thank you for everything you do, and best wishes for a rewarding and memorable school year!

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Joe Lombardo, the Governor of Nevada. The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Joe Lombardo
Governor of Nevada