

# Address highlights progress

I was very excited to attend last night's State of Education address given by Superintendent Heath Morrison. This was an important night for the Washoe County School District as it is part of our promise to keep the commu-



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nity updated about what is happening in our schools. As an educator and now a board member, I know how important it is for our entire community to be involved in education. The State of Education is one of those important nights where we all

come together to discuss the progress being made and what goals still need to be reached to improve our education system.

During his second annual address, Dr. Morrison shared with the community how far we've come in just a few years. Student achievement in the district continues to improve, and we've launched or expanded programs that are truly making a difference for our children. While we may face challenges as we continue to move forward, I believe in what Dr. Morrison said last night — we will continue to work together and respond to challenges with innovative

solutions.

It was great to hear our superintendent tell stories about the people who are making all of this progress happen. Our teachers, principals and staff are doing amazing work on a daily basis with our students, and it was great to hear how they are continuing to push for excellence. Our community partners are also making an impact by working with the district to reach out to parents, businesses and other community members and building a strong network that supports our children's learning.

One of the best parts of the evening for me was the oppor-

tunity to visit one of our amazing schools and spend time with our children, parents and school staff. I would personally like to thank McQueen High School Principal John Carlson and his staff for making this important evening a memorable one. I also enjoyed spending time with our JROTC students and members of the district's Student Advisory Board and talking with them about their education and future goals. These are the moments I will always remember as a school trustee.

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