## **SENATOR REID:** Improving Education For All Nevadans

Senator Reid understands the importance of providing all Nevadans the opportunity to receive a quality education. That is why he has fought to provide resources for Nevada's schools, colleges, and universities and worked to make higher education affordable and accessible for more Nevada students. Senator Reid remains committed to addressing Nevada's high dropout rate and ensuring that Nevada students are prepared for college or a career.

## Highlights

- ★ Senator Reid secured funding for Nevada's schools to help prevent teacher layoffs, reduced services, and increased class sizes. These funds helped preserve as many as 1,400 teacher jobs across our state.
- ★ Senator Reid fought to make college more affordable for all Nevadans. He helped lead the Health Care and Higher Education Reconciliation Act to passage, which provided a significant increase in the Pell Grant, support for Nevada's community colleges, and expanded loan forgiveness opportunities.
- ★ Senator Reid has helped make student loans more manageable. As a result, college graduates can now cap their loan payments as low at ten percent of their monthly income and have their student loans forgiven after 25 years of making payments.

- ★ Senator Reid worked to expand the higher education tax credit, known as the American Opportunity Tax Credit, which provides families up to \$2,500 per year to help them afford college.
- ★ Senator Reid helped keep student loan rates low by leading passage of legislation in 2012 and 2013 to prevent the doubling of student loan interest rates.
- ★ Senator Reid has secured millions in funding for research projects at UNLV, UNR, the Desert Research Institute, and Nevada's community colleges. This includes renewable energy, medical, and science research that has created hundreds of jobs and led to growth of new industries.

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