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1 graduation rate calculation related?

2 A These are not related in any way.

3 Q So the two separate calculations and the  
4 reduction in dropout rate would not necessarily affect the  
5 graduation rate calculated by NDE?

6 A That is correct.

7 Q Put another way, it's possible for a child to be  
8 a non-graduate, a non-dropout and or a non-graduate and a  
9 non-dropout?

10 A Non-graduate and a non-dropout? Correct.

11 Q Moving on to the every Student Succeeds Act, as  
12 we've been referring to it earlier today, do you know what  
13 the Every Student Succeeds Act is?

14 A Yes, I do.

15 Q Has the Every Student Succeeds Act affected the  
16 way the graduation rate is calculated by NDE?

17 A Not at this time.

18 Q Why not?

19 A It doesn't take effect until the 17-18 school  
20 year and the provisions that we see in ESSA do not require  
21 a change.

22 Q Do you know if there's been any decision to  
23 change the way it's calculated in future years?

24 A I do not know of any decisions to change our

1 methodology.

2 Q I want to ask you a couple of questions about the  
3 five-year graduation rate that I mentioned earlier. You  
4 said NDE calculated a five-year graduation rate.

5 Can you explain how that's calculated, briefly?

6 A Yes, it's exactly the same as the four-year  
7 cohort graduation rate; the process for validating this  
8 data is the same. But it's just allowing students one  
9 additional year to graduate.

10 So if their original graduating class was the  
11 class of 2016, we'll be looking in 2017 to see if those  
12 who were non-graduates graduated.

13 Q Okay. So for the four-year graduation rate, the  
14 cohort locks in the ninth grade, then you evaluate their  
15 end status at the end of four years; and for a fifth-year  
16 graduation rate, you would lock that cohort in the 9th  
17 grade and then just evaluate that status after the fifth  
18 year?

19 A That's correct.

20 Q And it's pursuant to the same federal statute or  
21 same federal regulation, excuse me?

22 A Yes, it is.

23 Q Do you know what the five-year graduation rate  
24 was for the most recent school year for Nevada Connections