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GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM #20-01

To: District Superintendents and the State Public Charter School Authority

From: Jhone M. Ebert, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Date: April 15, 2020

Subject: Guidance Regarding Civics Assessment Waiver for Class of 2020

Introduction

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 389.009 outlines the requirements for the administration of a civics assessment within a public high school as a condition for graduation. The current NRS provides public high schools with the authority to determine in which course the exam will be administered as well as the number of questions included on the exam as long as there are not fewer than 50. NRS 389.009 further provides provisions for waivers for students with disabilities, English Language Learners, or up to 10% of each graduating class.

Civics Assessment Waiver for the Class of 2020

In the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) prepared guidance regarding graduation requirements for the Class of 2020. This guidance, published on April 3, 2020, was developed in consultation with Nevada school districts and the Nevada Association of School Superintendents. This guidance communicated the need for NDE to research available options to have the civics assessment requirement waived as a condition for graduation for the Class of 2020.

On April 15, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak issued **Declaration of Emergency Directive 014**. Through this Directive, authority was granted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to waive the required administration of the civics assessment for the Class of 2020. **As a result, all students within the graduating Class of 2020 will no longer be required to participate in a civics assessment as a condition for graduation.**

Contact

If there are questions about the civics assessment waiver or graduation requirements for the Class of 2020, please contact Dr. Jonathan Moore, Deputy Superintendent of Student Achievement at jpmoore@doe.nv.gov.