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## Office of the Governor

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Dear Superintendent Skorkowsky:

I hope this new school year is off to a great start, and I want to thank you for the countless hours of careful thought and preparation you have done to ensure this year is a success for your students.

It is an exciting time to be a Nevadan, across our state innovation and technology are improving traditional industries like mining and hospitality, while also creating new industries like autonomous vehicles and drones. As we know, many of the careers that will be available to our students in the future do not yet exist. As your Governor, I am proud of the work being done all across our state to teach the skills today, for the jobs of tomorrow. Skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, and creativity are key to the future prosperity of our citizens and our state, and these skills can be developed through a rigorous STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education.

In recognition of the importance of these skills, I have proclaimed the 2016-2017 school year as the Year of STEM education in Nevada. This statewide initiative, spearheaded by the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT), is an opportunity for all Nevada students, and I encourage you to share this information with your staff, your schools, and your community.

We are working to raise awareness of the careers available to those with STEM skills, reduce the skills gap, and increase equity and access to quality STEM education. To assist you, we created a new website, [www.stemhub.nv.gov](http://www.stemhub.nv.gov), where students, parents, and teachers can learn about the many exciting STEM careers that are defining Nevada's future. This website has STEM resources for educators and a statewide events calendar that will encourage more partnerships between educators and industry.

Additionally, I invite all schools to participate in the Nevada K-12 STEM Challenge, which offers our students and teachers an opportunity to use STEM to solve Nevada's biggest problems. I also encourage the schools in your district to apply for the Governor's STEM School Designation, given to schools in Nevada that demonstrate exemplary performance in STEM.

It is my hope that through the Year of STEM initiative, regardless of which career path they choose, Nevada's students will be better prepared for the highly-skilled jobs of the future, and the challenges they will encounter throughout their lives. I thank you for your continued work and dedication to the students of the Silver State and I hope you will share this exciting opportunity with your staff, students and families.

Sincere regards,

BRIAN SANDOVAL  
Governor

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