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**ONCE AGAIN, STATE TREASURER NOTES THAT NEVADA
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Carson City, NV—This morning, the following statistics were released by the Obama Administration: “The nation's graduation rate for high school students has risen to a record high of 83.2 percent. **Iowa (90.8 percent) and New Jersey (89.7 percent)** had the highest graduation rates. **The District of Columbia (68.5 percent) and Nevada (71.3 percent) were the lowest.**”

State Treasurer Dan Schwartz noted, “The Treasurer’s Office was disappointed that the Governor and Republican legislators failed to find funding for Nevada’s ESA program during the Special Session that ended this past Friday. Nevada’s ESA program is poised to provide relief to thousands of families who seek an alternative to Nevada’s failing public schools. The Nevada Supreme Court ruled that the law establishing ESAs was constitutional in all aspects, with only funding needing an interim fix before the next legislative session. While many gather in Las Vegas today to celebrate the work of the special session, thousands of Nevada families are left asking, ‘What about us...’ That the Legislature can pass a \$750 million tax hike to fund a football stadium yet fail to find \$25 million to fund the ESAs is incomprehensible. My office stands ready to work with the Governor and legislators to find an immediate path forward for Nevada’s ESA program.”

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