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Schwartz Announces SB302 Implementation Team
Nevada State Treasurer's Office Takes Lead Implementing
Nations Most Inclusive School Choice Program

Carson City, NV –State Treasurer Dan Schwartz has announced the formation of an implementation team to develop and launch Nevada's Education Savings Account (ESA) program. Created by SB302 in the past legislative session, Nevada's ESA program will become the most inclusive school choice program in the United States.

The Nevada State Treasurer has asked five senior staff to draft the guidelines and administrative procedures to implement SB302. The team will be headed by Chief of Staff Grant Hewitt and Chief Deputy Treasurer Tara Hagan. Treasurer Schwartz's announcement of this senior team underscores his commitment to rapidly implement a program that will stand the test of time. Schwartz indicated that representatives from the Governor's Office and the Department of Education will join the team as well.

"We are keenly aware of how many parents have been asking for choices when it comes to their children's education. Our team is committed to developing a quality program that avoids the mistakes of the Nevada Health Link and works effectively and efficiently to implement its objectives" said Treasurer Schwartz. "I want to see these accounts funded as soon as possible, but we must ensure that processes are in place to make enrolling simple and payment fair and devoid of fraud. Today's announcement marks the first step of many towards true universal school choice for all Nevada families," concluded Schwartz.

The Treasurer's office is still working on expected timelines for the program, but Schwartz said he hopes to have firm guidelines in place within the next several months so that Nevada parents can begin applying for ESAs starting in January 2016. Those who have questions about Nevada's ESA program are encouraged to email NevadaSchoolChoice@NevadaTreasurer.gov or call the State Treasurer's Office at 702-486-5101.

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