

School districts give revised Nev. star-ratings a failing grade

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Changes to the state's ranking system for public schools will result in many more low ratings, damaging morale among educators and confusing parents, Nevada's two largest school district say.

"Schools have been working for two years without an updated ranking, now is not the time to change how these rankings are established," Nicole Rourke, the Clark County School District's government affairs director, told the state Board of Education last week at its July meeting.

Rourke was referring to changes made by the state Department of Education to the Nevada School Performance Framework, a rating system that rates schools on a scale of one to five stars, with one star being the lowest.

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