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NSEA Legislative Update: Headlines - Jan. 17, 2017

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ACTION NEEDED: Master Teacher Program Targeted for Elimination

The budget proposed by Gov. Ricketts has taken aim at the lone state-funded program to enhance teacher professionalism.

The governor's proposed deficit budget package ([LB22](#), page 94, lines 16-19) includes immediate elimination of the Master Teacher Program funds, including the \$470,000 nearly 100 teachers enrolled in the program are counting on yet this budget year.

If this recommendation is implemented, the \$5,000 stipends scheduled for Spring, 2017 will NOT be available for National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT).

ACTION NEEDED: Learn more about the proposed cut, which senators support complete termination of the program, and how to contact your state senator, here:

<https://www.nsea.org/legislative-updates>

Bill Introductions Continue

Bill introductions continue through Wednesday, Jan. 18, the 10th day of the session. NSEA's lobby team continues to review all bills and, with guidance from NSEA Resolutions, will take positions on bills affecting educators. For a list of all introduced bills and resolutions, click [here](#).

Committee Hearings Begin

Hearings on key bills begin this week. For a look at the most important, click here:

<https://www.nsea.org/legislative-updates>

Save the Date: NSEA Legislative Dinner is Feb. 22

You are encouraged to attend the NSEA Legislative Dinner at the Nebraska Champion's Club in Lincoln on Wednesday, Feb. 22. A reception will be held from 5-6 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m.

Dinner will be catered by Misty's. Meal choices are: chicken, salmon, beef or vegetarian. There is no cost and mileage is paid. For NSEA members traveling more than 120 miles, substitute costs and sleeping rooms will be available if your senator plans to attend the dinner.

Please RSVP with your entrée selection by Feb. 14 to Cathy Schapmann (cathy.schapmann@nsea.org) or Jan Anderson (jan.anderson@nsea.org) or by phone 402-475-7611.

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