

# Nebraska Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee

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## State News

### **Nebraska Unicameral Session Update:**

#### **Education Committee, Sen. Mike Groene, Chair**

Legislative bills that dealt with physical restraint of students, reading proficiency, charter schools, school funding, and policies to accommodate pregnant and parenting students were considered by the Education Committee during the last session. The committee considered [19 legislative bills](#) were considered for action.

#### **Sen. Tony Vargas, Legislative District 7**

Check out Senator Vargas's [website](#). You'll find a constituent survey on the website that can be completed both online and by mail.

### **Nebraska Department of Education:**

#### **[\\$1.8 MILLION AWARDED IN STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT GRANTS](#)**

The State Board of Education awarded grants to 11 schools totaling \$1,843,000 through a competitive grant process. The U.S. Department of Education Title IV grants will help fund student support and academic enrichment projects. Those schools focused on the school projects that received funding focused on providing well-rounded educational opportunities, safe and healthy students, and effective use of technology.

The following districts will receive Title IV-A, SSAE grants:

- Hastings Public Schools..... \$228,334
- Lyons-Decatur Northeast Schools..... \$70,096
- Bancroft-Rosalie Community Schools..... \$30,000
- Fremont Public Schools..... \$35,000
- Omaha Public Schools..... \$418,601
- Grand Island Public Schools..... \$276,896
- O'Neil Public Schools..... \$79,779
- Lincoln Public Schools..... \$392,157
- Bayard Public Schools..... \$78,302
- Bellevue Public Schools..... \$152,335
- Scottsbluff Public Schools..... \$81,500

### **Nebraska's Reaction to White House DACA Decision**

September 5, 2017 - 2:44pm, NET News, Mike Tobias

[Listen to and read about](#) Nebraskans reaction to the White House decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program over a six month period. There are currently approximately 3,000 Nebraskans brought into the country illegally as children who receive legal protection through two-year DACA permits.

#### **NSEA's Voice magazine:**

Check out the [recent issue](#) of The Voice. Crete high school counselor, Joel Lemus-Leon discussed how the executive action regarding DREAMers taken by President Trump in September will affect his ability to stay in the United States after his DACA permit expires in August 2018.

#### **Lincoln's EMAC:**

They're back! Through the efforts of several LEA members, and with the support of LEA, EMAC is up and running. This academic year monthly meetings are being held at the LEA office. EMAC is also sponsoring information sessions this year where LPS's Cultural Liaisons are sharing valuable information about the students and families that they work with.

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#### **NEA:**

For NEA [updates](#) on DACA you can checkout NEA's legislative update site.

#### **NEA Hispanic Caucus:**

Check out the Hispanic Caucus [website](#) for additional information regarding Caucus activities and information. Membership information is also available.