

# Nevada System of Higher Education

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Dear NSHE Campus Communities,

Last Fall, the Board of Regents initiated a review on the feasibility of further consolidating police services offered at all Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions. In particular, the Board asked that the review determine whether police at the Southern Nevada institutions could be consolidated, as well as the feasibility of a statewide model. This comes on the heels of a highly successful police consolidation at two Northern Nevada NSHE institutions.

The NSHE system administration office brought in a team of highly-qualified experts through the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) who conducted a comprehensive review last fall to examine the feasibility of further operational and organizational changes for police services.

Attached is the final report as presented by the IACLEA review team on the feasibility of consolidated police services. As you will see, before any type of southern Nevada consolidation of institutional police services could be considered, there are several operational challenges that would need to first be addressed. I have directed the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) and the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) to examine the recommendations outlined in the report and begin to address these challenges.

It is our intent to bring this full report, along with recommendations, to the Board of Regents at the October 19th special meeting in Las Vegas. By that point, both CSN and UNLV will have had ample opportunity to begin to address the issues outlined in this report including future consolidation.

As the report highlights, there is much to be gained from unifying police services, including improved service and safety for all campus communities. However, we are cognizant that there are specific challenges that must first be addressed and believe that allowing time for this to occur is essential to the ultimate success of any such unification of police operations.

In preparation for the further review and dialogue on police services consolidation, CSN will begin now to review and update its analyses of contract security staffing, technology options to improve and assist with campus security, and the best methods to contact the CSN police to request police services.

UNLV has already initiated technological, equipment and infrastructure enhancements and expanded safety and security programs and services. In addition to leadership succession planning, the UNLV Department of Police Services has committed to attaining the IACLEA accreditation, which will provide a blueprint for industry best practices. In the meantime, UNLV will continue to analyze and respond to the recommendations and findings articulated in the report to prepare for robust and objective discussions on consolidation models.

Student and staff safety has always, and will continue to be, our top priority as we consider any changes in police services. I encourage you to fully read this report as I believe it will help us move towards a better delivery of service in the long run that will enhance safety at all NSHE institutions.

Sincerely,

Thom Reilly, Chancellor