Dear Nevada Parents,

Beginning in March and through the end of April, people living in our state will be asked to participate in the 2020 Census. It’s critical for every Nevadan to be counted!

**What is the Census?**

The census is a historical event that takes place every ten years when everyone in the United States is counted. The Census is a list of ten questions about the number of people who live in your home – children, grandparents, aunts and uncles – everyone. All the information given in the census is completely confidential. The census does not ask for personal information such as citizenship status, bank account or social security numbers, political or election information, or any other private data.

**Why is the Census important?**

The data collected helps determine where and how billions of federal dollars are distributed across the country. Nevada could receive over $67 billion over the next ten years if we have a complete count. That’s an estimated $2,000 per person, per year, over ten years for everyone who is counted.

Funding allocated to Nevada based on census data contributes to the things which are important to us as parents and families with children. For example, funding goes toward:

* **Helping our schools**
* **Scholarship opportunities**
* **Career, technical and special education**
* **Health care**
* **Job training**
* **Affordable housing programs**
* **Road maintenance and construction**
* **Services that help our senior citizens**
* **Public safety officers including fire and police**

**What can you do?**

Beginning March 12, you can respond to the census in one of three easy ways – online, over the phone, or mail in the questionnaire form. We are asking you to participate and encourage your family, friends and co-workers to do so as well.

And if you or your family members have any questions or want to know more, you can visit the Nevada Census 2020 website at [www.census.nv.gov](http://www.census.nv.gov).

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