

Biography for Mr. Brett Barley



Brett Barley is the Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement at the Nevada Department of Education (NDE). In this role he oversees the Office of Student and School Support; Office of Standards and Instructional Support; Office of Early Learning and Development; Office of Career Readiness, Adult Education, and Education Options; Office of Assessment, Data, and Accountability Management; and Office of Special Education. He and his team administer and monitor \$2.3 billion in annual education funding on behalf Nevada's 475,000 students. Brett supports schools and districts across the state in implementing instructional best practices from early learning to college and career readiness.

Prior to joining the Nevada Department of Education, Brett served as a Vice President with a national non-profit organization focused on organizing parents, teachers, and other community members to advocate for great schools for all children. Through this work Brett supervised seventeen teams across the country. He led his teams in the creation and implementation of strategic plans that utilized grassroots membership activities, traditional and social media engagement, and state and local advocacy efforts to pass high impact education legislation and regulations. During his tenure Brett and his teams helped to pass 240 student centered laws across the country including overhauls of state education funding systems to provide additional resources for students learning the English language, high poverty students, foster care students, and students with disabilities.

From 2010 to 2012 Brett worked as Director of Education for the Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG), a non-profit business organization representing the interests of more than 400 of Silicon Valley's largest and most influential technology companies. While at SVLG, Brett was instrumental in the passage of key pieces of legislation, the building of a high quality early childhood and parent resource center, and the creation of a clearinghouse for local education related volunteer opportunities.

Before his transition to education policy Brett worked as a Deputy District Attorney at the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office on juvenile justice and gang related issues. Brett began his career as a fourth grade teacher in San Jose, California at a school where 100% of the students received free or reduced-priced lunch and 70% were English-Language Learners. Each year he taught his students learned, on average, a year and a half of content.

Brett earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and his law degree from the University of San Diego. Brett comes from a family of public school educators. His mother was an elementary school teacher and literacy coach, his father was a school psychologist, his sister is a special education teacher, and his wife is an elementary school teacher. He has two sons and enjoys camping, hiking, skiing, and sailing with his family.