

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Memorializes the 2013 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that mandates all public high schools to adopt and utilize Project UNIFY.

WHEREAS; A "special Olympics project that is an education-based project that uses sports and education programs to activate young people to develop school communities where all youth are agents of change-fostering respect, dignity and advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities."

WHEREAS; This program allows for children with intellectual disabilities to be integrated with other students.

WHEREAS; This program allows intellectual children to receive career and technical education for future careers.

WHEREAS; All children benefit from integrated communication and interaction.

WHEREAS; Each school as a whole becomes a more unified and comprehensive educational place.

WHEREAS; Project UNIFY is committed to ensuring that youth leadership, school/community collaborations continuous improvement, communications, professional development, unifying programming and creating and sustaining relationships are in place and consistently achieved initiative schools.

WHEREAS; Youth become core leaders in their school communities using unified sports and spread the word to a number as the catalyst for impacting change in a school climate.

WHEREAS; Administrators and teachers take the educated risk to support the vision and insight of youth create inclusive environments in their schools through unified sports and youth leadership opportunities with a clear vision of impacting school environments.

WHEREAS; The inspiration and passion comes from experiencing Special Olympics sports motivates young people to seek a world of unity and then provide students with and without disabilities with the skills and opportunities to create social change.

WHEREAS; Policymakers and education leaders develop policies support quality practices to encourage positive school climates with safe and nurturing learning environments for all students.

WHEREAS; Thirty-eight states have existing state programs conducting project UNIFY that engage approximately 600,000 young people in over 1700 schools; therefore be it resolved by the Girls State of Nevada, assembled in Carson City July 6, 2012, that the 2013 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation that mandates all public high schools to adopt and utilize Project UNIFY.