Opportunity 180 drives towards a North Star of every kid graduating from high school college and career ready, prepared to live the life they dream.

To support our North Star, we are advocating for an ecosystem where every single kid has a high-quality, free public education and is not limited in opportunity to achieve their dreams.

Our priorities for the 2023 Legislature center on our North Star, working with and through the community to ensure student outcomes are the focus of education policy and among stakeholders.

Where We Are: In Nevada, school assignments are determined by families’ residences, placing kids in schools based solely on their addresses – and often by wealth or ethnicity – dividing kids and opportunities available to them.

What Can Change: STEP eliminates attendance boundaries for our public schools. With STEP, students are able to attend the public school of their choice instead of being assigned to a school based on where they live. This will ensure every kid has access to a great school that fits their needs. STEP will empower families to select the best school for their kid.

Why It Matters: Every kid deserves to attend a great school, no matter their zip code. Giving families the flexibility to select the school that is right for them presents a direct way to provide that opportunity equitably. Furthermore, In a 2023 survey, 86% of NV residents approved giving parents the choice “to send their children to the public school they feel is best for their child, even if it is outside their neighborhood.”

Has it Been Done Before? Eleven states have implemented a mandatory form of STEP, including Colorado and Arizona, with several approaches that Nevada can use as a guidepath.