



STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
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SUBJECT: Somerset Academy Expedited Renewal Request
DATE: August 26, 2016

Background:

Somerset Academy has submitted a request for expedited renewal.

Analysis:

Academics: The SPCSA issues an Academic Performance Framework based on available data. Somerset Academy has been a 5 Star School at the elementary and secondary levels for three of the four years for which ratings have been issued under the Nevada School Performance Framework. It was a 4 Star School at both levels in 2013. It was ranked as Exceptional on the 2013 and 2014 SPCSA Academic Frameworks.

Organizational: In its current iteration, the SPCSA Organizational Framework is a rolling evaluation of school organizational performance. Based on verified complaints and spot checks of school organizational performance, the Authority issues Notices of Concern or Notices of Breach for Organizational Performance. Schools which have not received such notices are presumed to be in Good Standing. Somerset Academy has received no Notices of Breach or Notices of Concern since the inception of the Framework and is currently presumed to be in Good Standing.

Financial: Somerset Academy has a strong history of clean audit findings. The SPCSA Financial Framework monitors a variety of indicators of financial health. Somerset Academy has not received any Notices of Concern or Notices of Breach in relation to the financial framework.

Recommendation: Approve Renewal

Somerset Academy is one of the strongest academic and organizational performers in the SPCSA portfolio. The Authority is urged to approve renewal of this charter school.