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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Patrick Gavin, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8: Recommendations to Issue Notices of Return to Good Standing based on the 2017 – 2018 Nevada School Performance Framework Results
DATE: September 28, 2018

As the Authority is aware, the Nevada Department of Education recently released the Nevada School Performance Framework results for the 2017 – 2018 school year. All public schools in the state of Nevada are issued a star rating when all data points are available. The 2017 – 2018 school year is also the first year that high school ratings will be released after the ratings freeze during the 2014 – 2015 school year and the first year that all charter campuses received separate ratings.

Additionally, the State of Nevada is required to “annually measure the achievement of not less than 95 percent of all students, and 95 percent of all students in each subgroup of students who are enrolled in public schools...” (ESSA 1177-35(E)). These subgroups are as follows:

<u>State of Nevada ESSA Subgroups</u>	
American Indian/Alaska Native	Two or More Races
Asian	White/Caucasian
Black/African American	IEP
Hispanic/Latino	Economically Disadvantaged (ED)
Pacific Islander	English Learner (ED)

A number of schools were issued Notices of Concern after the release of the 2016 – 2017 NSPF results due to each school earning less than a 3-star rating. According to the 2017 – 2018 NSPF ratings, a subset of those schools have demonstrated improved academic performance, moving at least to the 3-star level. These schools are:

- Mater Academy of Nevada – Mountain Vista Elementary School
- Silver Sands Montessori Middle School

- Equipo Academy Middle School
- Discovery Charter Elementary School

Given this improved performance over the past year, SPCSA staff would like to recognize these schools for their academic improvement and return them to good standing due to their improved academic performance. It is important to note, however, that Equipo Academy did not meet the participation threshold required under ESSA 1177-35(E)). Consequently, staff is recommending the Equipo receive a Notice of Concern due to this compliance issue. While Mater Academy of Nevada - Mountain Vista Elementary School, Silver Sands Montessori Middle School, and Discovery Charter Elementary School will return to good standing both due to their improved academic and organizational performance, Equipo's participation non-compliance and the Notice of Concern issued pursuant to Agenda Item 8 will result in that school not returning to Good Standing.

Recommendation: Approve the SPCSA Staff Recommendation to issue Notice of Return to Good Standing to Mater Academy of Nevada – Mountain Vista Elementary School, Silver Sands Montessori Middle School, and Discovery Charter Elementary School due to their improved academic performance and issue an informal letter of recognition to Equipo for its improved academic performance that does not return the school to Good Standing.