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**BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** SPCSA Board  
**FROM:** Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director  
Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 7: Recommendation for Quest Preparatory Academy from the  
Final 2018 – 2019 Nevada School Performance Framework Results  
**DATE:** October 4, 2019

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As the Authority is aware, the Nevada Department of Education recently released the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) results for the 2018 – 2019 school year. All public schools in the state of Nevada are issued a star rating when all data points are available.

As a reminder, the Authority has three levels of intervention when schools do not meet academic standards (i.e. a NSPF rating of 3-stars). These levels are as follows:

- Notice of Concern
- Notice of Breach
- Notice of Intent to Terminate

The academic performance of Quest Preparatory Academy Elementary campuses for the last two school years is provided below. The Authority did not issue any Notices or take any action as a result of the 2017 – 2018 ratings due to the school increasing its adjusted index score by nearly 30 points under the NSPF compared to the prior year.

| <b><u>Quest Preparatory Academy</u></b>         | <b><u>2017 – 2018 Index Score</u></b> | <b><u>2017 – 2018 Star Rating</u></b> | <b><u>2018 – 2019 Index Score</u></b> | <b><u>2018 – 2019 Star Rating</u></b> |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Bridger Campus – Elementary School <sup>1</sup> | 47                                    | 2-star                                | Closed                                | Closed                                |
| Northwest Campus – Elementary School            | 48.5                                  | 2-star                                | 42                                    | 2-star                                |
| Northwest Campus – Middle School                | 56                                    | 3-star                                | 52.7                                  | 3-star                                |

Due to the elementary program at the Northwest campus earning less than 3-stars for the 2018 – 2019 school year, SPCSA staff recommends that the Authority issue a Notice of Concern to Quest Academy regarding the elementary school. Given this notice recommendation, SPCSA staff also plans to carefully review the school’s performance plan for the 2019 – 2020 school year. In addition, the school will be required to provide a written update to the SPCSA by February 1, 2020. The report must include:

- Progress to date in implementing the School Performance Plan
- A summary of mid-year assessment performance

Additionally, per [NRS 388A.367](#), low performing schools are required to notify the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled of the school’s star rating and post written notification on their website, as well as the scores of neighboring zone traditional public schools. Finally, [NRS 388A.367](#) requires the governing body of qualifying public charter schools to hold a public hearing within 30 days of sending out the required notice so as to provide all stakeholders and opportunity to discuss actions and solicit feedback for continued growth and improvement based on the statewide accountability rating system. Staff will monitor compliance with these statutory requirements.

Finally, it should be noted that an application for renewal of Quest Preparatory Academy is expected by October 15, 2019.

#### **Proposed Motion:**

- *Approve the recommendation of SPCSA Staff to Issue a Notice of Concern to the Quest Preparatory Academy elementary program and require the school to submit a report by February 1, 2020 which includes progress to date in implementing the school performance plan and a summary of mid-year assessment performance.*

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<sup>1</sup> The Bridger campus was closed at the end of the 2017 – 2018 school year, and the students were absorbed by the Northwest campus beginning in the 2018 – 2019 school year. This consolidation of campuses was approved by the Authority on June 28, 2018.