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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: Recommendations for Legacy Traditional Schools 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 Legacy Traditional Schools for the last two school years is provided below. While both of the middle schools performed above 3-stars, both of the elementary schools were rated as 2-stars.

<b><u>Legacy Traditional Schools</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>
N. Valley – Elementary School	34.5	2-star	46.5	2-star
N. Valley – Middle School	48.6	2-star	60	3-star
Cadence – Elementary School	Not Rated	Not Rated	48	2-star
Cadence – Middle School	Not Rate	Not Rated	82	5-star

### **Notice of Concern**

Due to the elementary program at the Cadence campus earning a rating of less than 3-stars for the 2018 – 2019 school year (the school’s first year of operation), SPCSA staff recommends that the Authority issue a Notice of Concern to Legacy Traditional Schools regarding the elementary school at the Cadence campus. 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

### **Notice of Breach**

Due to the elementary program at the North Valley campus earning a rating of less than 3-stars for the second consecutive year in the 2018 – 2019 school year, SPCSA staff recommends that the Authority issue a Notice of Breach to Legacy Traditional Schools regarding the elementary school at the North Valley campus. 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 present to the Authority in early 2020. The presentation 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.

**Proposed Motion:**

- *Approve the recommendation of SPCSA Staff to Issue a Notice of Concern to the Cadence 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.*
- *Additionally, approve the recommendation of SPCSA Staff to Issue a Notice of Breach to the North Valley elementary program, and require the school to present to the Authority an update regarding the school's progress against the performance plan and a summary of mid-year assessment performance in early 2020.*