

# State Public Charter School Authority of Nevada

## Solicitation of Input 2020 Winter Cycle

**Proposal** – CIVICA Nevada Career & Collegiate Academy

**County** – Clark

**Proposed Location** – 2195 Las Vegas Boulevard North, 89030

**CCSD Schools in the Target Area** – Cahlan, Craig, Fitzgerald, Herron, Lincoln, Mackey, Martinez, McCall, Squires, and Tom Williams Elementary Schools. Bridger and Smith Middle Schools. Canyon Springs and Rancho High Schools.

**Grade Level Rollout** – First Year, 2021-2022, K-7<sup>th</sup> grade – 570 students  
 Adding additional grades each year until 2026-2027, K-12<sup>th</sup> grade – 1,650 students.

### School District Input:

- Please provide any data as to overcrowding in the zip code where the school is proposing to locate.**

**Zip Code - 89030**

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| Marion Cahlan Elementary School     | NSPF 3 | 113.47% of Capacity |
| Lois Craig Elementary School        | NSPF 1 | 83.0% of Capacity   |
| H. P. Fitzgerald Elementary School  | NSPF 2 | 84.31% of Capacity  |
| Fay Herron Elementary School        | NSPF 5 | 96.96% of Capacity  |
| Lincoln Elementary School           | NSPF 2 | 88.5% of Capacity   |
| Jo Mackey Elementary School         | NSPF 4 | 91.57% of Capacity  |
| Reynaldo Martinez Elementary School | NSPF 3 | 130.77% of Capacity |
| Quannah McCall Elementary School    | NSPF 1 | 90.97% of Capacity  |
| C. P. Squires Elementary School     | NSPF 2 | 84.83% of Capacity  |
| Tom Williams Elementary School      | NSPF 2 | 92.63% of Capacity  |

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| Jim Bridger Middle School | NSPF 3 | 100.99% of Capacity |
| J.D. Smith Middle School  | NSPF 1 | 87.22% of Capacity  |

**Zoned High Schools of Zip Code- 89030**

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| Canyon Springs High School | NSPF 3 | 111.37% of Capacity |
| Rancho High School         | NSPF 4 | 136.97% of Capacity |

- Does the School District’s Capital Improvement Plan include any plans to add new schools or add additional capacity to existing schools within the community in which the applicant proposes to locate?**

As part of the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, the Clark County School District (CCSD) has invested substantially in the 89030 zip code to address much-needed capacity and modernization needs. In 2017, CCSD completed a full replacement of Lincoln Elementary School. Jo Mackey Elementary School and J. D. Smith Middle School

are both currently under construction, scheduled for completion before the 2020-2021 school year. Beginning the 2020-2021 school year, Jo Mackey will expand the Leadership and Global Communication Magnet Program to include student's kindergarten through 8th-grade, providing greater opportunities for families in the 89030-zip code. In 2018, building additions were completed at Lois Craig, and C. P. Squires Elementary Schools, adding additional building capacity.

- 3. The SPCSA approved the Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment on July 26, 2019. Our staff and board will be evaluating the degree to which the applicant aligns with the identified needs. Please provide any input as to how this applicant does or does not meet identified needs in the community. If district staff or Board of Trustees has had prior communications with this applicant, please provide any relevant information or details from that communication that might be useful to the SPCSA in making an informed decision regarding the application.**

**Demographics:** Application **does** provide evidence of service to the required demographics (meets). Applicant **does** clearly propose a school model that includes demonstrated capacity or credible plans, to intentionally serve the following student populations, each of which have on aggregate, historically underperformed based on data provided by the Nevada Department of Education: Students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch, English learners, and students with IEPs. As stated in the proposed application, the school is specifically targeting a population based on socioeconomics. The applicant has demonstrated the capacity in which it previously successfully supported these student populations in grades 6 - 12 in achieving academic performance at or above the State average. The applicant **does not** demonstrate the capacity in which it previously successfully supported these student populations in grades K - 5 in achieving academic performance at or above the State average.

**Academic Need:** Geographies with 1- and 2-Star schools - Applicants meeting this need will seek to provide access to 3-, 4-, and 5-Star schools in zip codes where students are attending a 1- or 2-Star school. The applicant has proposed a location in the area of North Las Vegas that **does** meet the criteria of elementary and middle school geographies with 1- and 2-Star schools with approximately 58 percent of the schools receiving ratings below 3-Stars on the 2018 – 2019 Nevada School Performance Framework. The application presents no proof of the founding board having successfully implemented a K - 5 program of this type elsewhere.

The applicant has proposed a location in the area of the 89030 zip code of North Las Vegas that **does not** meet the criteria of high school geographies with 1- and 2-Star schools. Rancho and Canyon Springs high schools, which are both Clark County School District magnet programs, service this zoned area and have a similar educational model as the CIVICA application proposes. Rancho High School received a 4-Stars rating, and Canyon Springs High School received a 3-Star rating on the 2018 – 2019 Nevada School Performance Framework.

There is no knowledge of official communication between the Clark County School District (CCSD) staff or the CCSD Board of Trustees with this applicant.

**4. Are there currently any schools providing a similar educational model in the community in which the applicant proposes to locate? If yes, please provide any relevant information on the current school(s) with similar educational models that are available to students in the community.**

The Clark County School District believes that existing schools in the proposed locations do offer similar types of opportunities.

**5. Is there any other additional information you wish to provide?**

Provided below is the rubric the Clark County School District staff used to evaluate the CIVICA Nevada Career & Collegiate Academy application.

| CIVICA Nevada Career & Collegiate Academy |  |   |
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| Assessment                                | Criteria   | Findings  |
| <b>Demographics</b>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch;</li> <li>• English learners; and</li> <li>• Students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).</li> </ul> | Meets   |
| <b>Academic Geographies</b>               | Geographies with 1- and 2-Star schools.  | Does Not Meet: Application <u>does</u> provide evidence of service to required Academic Geographies for elementary and middle school (meets). The Clark County School District high schools zoned in the 89030 area are at or above a 3-Star rating and offer a similar type of educational opportunity. Therefore, the high school portion of the proposal <u>does not</u> meet the requirement. |
| <b>Social Emotional</b>                   | Ability to address the social and emotional needs of stated demographics.  | Meets   |

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| <b>Academic Learning Models</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stated Learning Model</b> – Small group learning, two teacher models and blended education.</li> <li>• <b>Direct Instruction</b> – Applicant stated actual application of direct instruction.</li> <li>• <b>Experiential Learning</b> – Applicant stated actual application of experiential learning.</li> <li>• <b>Collaborative Projects</b> – Applicant stated actual application of collaborative projects.</li> <li>• <b>Hands-on Learning</b> – Applicant stated actual application of hands-on learning.</li> </ul> | Meets  |
| <b>Financial Plan</b>           | Financial plan aligns with requirements of application financial criteria.   | Meets  |
| <b>Successful History</b>       | School has successfully implemented a similar school model elsewhere.  | Does Not Meet: Application <b><u>does</u></b> provide evidence of a successful history of serving students 6-12 (meets), but <b><u>does not</u></b> show clear evidence of serving K-5 Students. |
| <b>Overall Rating</b>           |  | <b>Does Not Meet</b>   |