

AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

July 10, 2020

State Public Charter School Authority
Board of Directors
1749 North Stewart Street Suite 40
Carson City, Nevada 89706-2543

Dear SPCSA Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to present this request to change the name of our school along with our new campus's proposed grade configuration. As our signatures below this letter indicate, we as a school board have unanimously voted to approve both requests at a properly noticed special meeting on 7/9/20.

Regarding the proposed name change, moving forward, we would like the school to be called Amplus Academy. The name itself is Latin. It can mean distinguished, honorable, and esteemed; three words we are intending to incorporate into our new mission statement because they reflect our aspirations for both the culture of the school as well as our students.

Regarding the proposed grade level configuration for our new campus, we believe that all stakeholders will be best served if the new campus houses students in grades K-3 during the 20-21 school year. Please allow us to briefly explain our rationale for this request.

After analysis and extensive discussion with Authority staff, our school's transition committee (which includes two board members, parents, teachers, administrators, and operations personnel), the board's transition consultant, elementary administrators, and a majority of the elementary faculty, we conclude that this is the most efficient configuration. Although the campuses are only two miles apart, when services, materials or meetings are needed for these grades, faculty and staff will not have to transition back and forth between the two campuses.

Moreover, given that the school is expanding its enrollment by approximately 600 students this year, it seems logical to try to keep all grade levels within the same building in order to optimize departmental teamwork and communication.

Lastly, the size of classrooms and common areas in the new building were designed for younger (i.e. smaller) students.

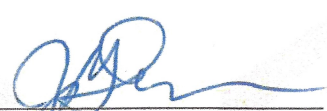
Respectfully submitted,




Lee Iglody, Board President



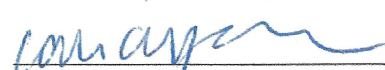
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