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State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA)
1749 N. Stewart Street, Suite 40
Carson City, NV 89706

Re: School Opening Update for July 24, 2020 Board meeting

Dear SPCSA Board Members,

The Girls Athletic Leadership School Las Vegas (GALS LV) provides you with the following information as a status update on our efforts to open a new charter middle school for the 2020/2021 school year. Our last update to the SPCSA occurred one month ago on June 26th, 2020.

GALS LV currently has eighty-eight students enrolled for the 2020/2021 school year. Twenty-seven are 7th graders and the remainder are 6th graders. Last month at this same time, GALS LV's enrollment was fifty-five students demonstrating that our enrollment continues to steadily increase by 1-2 students each day. GALS LV projects meeting our revised goal of enrolling at least 100 students prior to school opening and even adding to this in the first few weeks of school.

GALS LV is nearly complete with all pre-opening tasks and teachers begin professional development on July 27th, 2020. GALS LV had two teachers resign in the past two weeks due to COVID impacts, GALS LV has successfully backfilled one position and completed interviews and is making an offer to the preferred candidate for the second position. GALS LV plans to open fully staffed, on-time, on August 10th. GALS LV is receiving Chromebooks daily and preparing those with the GALS LV curriculum for distribution prior to our school start.

The GALS LV Treasurer and Executive Director worked together to prepare a budget based on 100 students and the Board has determined that it is fiscally reasonable to open as originally planned. Staff will remain vigilant however to retain the students enrolled to date while continuing to increase that number as the year progresses. For cash flow purposes, GALS LV applied for the revolving loan and received the first distribution of these funds. GALS LV continues to effectively leverage the CSP and Opportunity 180 grants for school set up. The costs to be covered by the state per pupil funding are primarily salaries and lease costs.



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It has taken a monumental effort to open a new charter school in today's climate and we are extremely proud of our accomplishments to date. Thank you for trusting in our abilities and for the support, advice and assistance the SPCSA has provided along the way. If you have any questions regarding our school opening, please feel free to reach us at 702-672-6386.

Sincerely,

Jennifer McCloskey
Executive Director