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**To:** [SPCSA Public Comment](#)  
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I'm Deidre Blanton, a mother of 2 young children at Doral Academy NNV and I'm writing in relation to agenda item 4(a). I am urging you to consider a full-time return of our students in the classroom.

A primary factor in our decision to attend a charter school was for the autonomy – for the school to have the ability to make the best decision for it's staff and students. This autonomy has been stripped from our school with the restrictions currently in place by the NSPCSA. Our public elementary school is the minority in our county as **all** other public elementary schools have been full-time in-person since the beginning of the school year. Our school is being discriminated against because we are under the restriction of the Charter Authority. Governor Sisolak has stressed the importance of students to be in school full time and for each school to make the individual decisions that best suits their school' however our public charter school does not have this leisure at this time.

Our school has proven its success in our hybrid model for the past 4 months; our staff has done an amazing job at keeping our school safe and I have the utmost confidence in their ability to manage a full-time in-person model. I'm urging you to trust them to do their job, which they're amazing at, and let our students return to school full-time in-person. We know more about what little effect this virus has on children and students now and there is sufficient research as well as several studies indicating the benefit of students being in school full-time far outweigh the risks of the alternative.

Our children are suffering and things need to change. They can be both in school AND safe. The risk of continuing a distance model is detrimental at this point. Please reconsider your stance and reinstate our school's autonomy to make the best choices for our staff and students. Let our school shine again! Our children matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Deidre Blanton