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**ACTION MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** SPCSA Board  
**FROM:** Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing  
**SUBJECT:** Las Vegas Collegiate Charter School Update  
**DATE:** May 21, 2021

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**Background**

Las Vegas Collegiate was approved by the SPCSA Board at the December 17, 2019 Board meeting to open in the fall of 2020. At the time of application, the school planned to locate in the 89106 zip code. The school subsequently applied for a deferral to open in the fall of 2021 due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that amendment request was approved at the May 29, 2020 SPCSA Board meeting.

Since that action by the Authority, Las Vegas Collegiate has worked to identify a viable facility for the 2021 – 22 school year and beyond. Due to challenges in finding a facility that could house the proposed academic program, Las Vegas Collegiate requested the Authority’s permission to expand their search beyond the 89106 zip code, but within 1.5 miles, if the school was unable to find a suitable facility in the proposed zip code. This request was approved at the January 22, 2021 Board meeting.

Las Vegas Collegiate remains committed to serving the 89106 zip code, but has been unable to secure a facility for the 2021 – 22 school year despite the expanded search area.

**Summary and Recommendation**

SPCSA staff has been in close communication with Las Vegas Collegiate over the past several months to monitor their facility progress. Given that the school is slated to open in less than three months, staff feels that it is increasingly unlikely that the school can successfully identify a viable facility, finish student recruitment, and complete the SPCSA Pre-Opening process prior to the start of school in August.

As a result, SPCSA staff recommends that the Authority take action to clarify that Las Vegas Collegiate Academy will not be opening for the 2021-22 school year, and direct the school to present a detailed deferral plan at the June 25, 2021 Board meeting. At that time, the SPCSA may consider approving a second deferral for the school to open in the 2022 – 23 school year or take other action.

**Proposed Motion**

Las Vegas Collegiate will not open for the 2021-22 school year. By June 10, 2021, Las Vegas Collegiate will submit to staff a detailed deferral plan for a 2022-23 school year opening.

The previously approved enrollment cap for Las Vegas Collegiate is as follows:

<b>School Year</b>	<b>2021 - 22</b>	<b>2022 – 23</b>	<b>2023 – 24</b>	<b>2024 – 25</b>	<b>2025 – 26</b>	<b>2026 – 27</b>
<b>Total Enrollment Cap</b>	162	243	324	405	486	486
<b>Grade Levels</b>	K – 1	K – 2	K – 3	K – 4	K – 5	K – 5