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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking the time to hear my opinion in support of changing the grade levels offered at Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas - Eastgate Campus. I am currently a First Grade Teacher at the Eastgate Campus and have worked with Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas for 7 years. Restructuring the grade levels offered at Eastgate allows educators, staff, students, and families to have experiences that are tailored to elementary school students. While we currently offer middle school, I feel that it is difficult to plan events and school wide programs that are inclusive of both 5 year old students and 13 year old students. While we take pride in being able to do this at the moment, it would be so great to be able to offer relevant experiences to both groups of students in different settings. The benefit of having the Eastgate Campus transition to a K-5 campus would also allow for us to serve more students in each of these grades. Offering more sections per grade level offers unique opportunities for teachers to work together within their grade level to enhance, extend, and remediate instruction for all students through leveled groupings. This year our campus was able to add one section of first grade and I am seeing the benefit of the additional section already. With the additional section of First Grade the team is able to work together and place students into homogeneous instruction groups throughout the day so that instruction is tailored to the student group in that class. As an educator of more than 15 years and an employee of CASLV for 7 years I look forward to continuing to help students achieve their highest potential. I truly hope that you will consider allowing the Eastgate Campus to change the grade levels offered on our campus in the coming school year.

Thank you for your time,
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