



SAGE COLLEGIATE MANAGEMENT

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Good morning. For the record, my name is Sandra Kinne, and I am the Executive Director and Lead Founder of Sage Collegiate Public Charter School at 4100 W. Charleston Blvd, 89107. Sage Collegiate is an SPCSA authorized school.

I speak today to welcome the new Pinecrest campus to the neighborhood. While our team learned of their application from mutual community partners and no one on their team has reached out to us, it is our hope that as a fellow public school of choice and a CSAN affiliate, both schools will be neighborly for the good of our shared community and for the aligned work of public education. I hope the school's leaders will also remember that public education is for the greater good of society not for profit and that the school will work in service of all students.

Sage Collegiate, which opened two months ago, has a population that is representative of our neighborhood and its surrounding schools. Of our scholars, 90% qualify for free/reduced lunch and 12% are students in Special Education. We've been able to parallel the demographics of our neighborhood through extensive community engagement; connections to the community by way of staff and board members who live and have worked in our authorized zip codes; and an intentional focus on recruitment from our school neighborhood. Our student population is reflective of our community and with a number of scholars from our authorized zip codes, we hope that Pinecrest Springs' student demographics will also reflect our community and truly meet the needs of children in our shared neighborhood.

This new campus will be located just one mile from ours, and I hope that it will also provide a 5-star Pinecrest experience that hasn't been available in high needs neighborhoods. It is wonderful to see more charter schools explore areas of our region that have not had much access to schools of choice. I am a firm believer in 'a rising tide lifts all boats,' and it will be an overdue opportunity for families to have more public options join Sage Collegiate and the online hybrid option of Odyssey Charter School in our shared zip codes.

Given Pinecrest's network mission of uniting the community to prepare students for college and career, I look forward to meeting the new school's team and working collaboratively with a common cause in public education driving our work. With only a mile between our schools and common partners that are focused on helping the community, including the Heinrich Y and Springs Preserve, there are bound to be opportunities to learn with and from each other and collaborate as public schools of choice.

I extend a warm welcome to the team at Pinecrest Springs.

Thank you for the time.

SAGE COLLEGIATE: Proving the Possible.

Our Mission: Driven by excellence for all in a supportive, rigorous, and ambitious school community, Sage Collegiate Public Charter School educates K-8 students for academic achievement, college success, and a life of opportunity.