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Good morning,

My name is Jennifer Kakita and I am a teacher at Discovery Charter School located at 8941 Hillpointe Rd in Las Vegas, NV. I would have been at the meeting in person but I am in class teaching today. I have been a teacher at Discovery Charter School for over 5 years and I am here to state a need for our school that would impact the education and lives of over 500 students each year in the Las Vegas valley. I implemented and currently run the gifted education program, which serves about 48 students on our campus. I also implemented and currently run our STEAM education program, which currently serves over 50 middle school students each school year. This program, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math is a crucial program to run and also continue to build on our campus due to numerous reasons. My programs service ELL students, Special Education students, minority students and at-risk students. Building a STEAM program for our students, including the ones just listed, provides them with essential skills to grow their future opportunities. STEAM jobs are projected to go unfulfilled in the near future due to lack of STEAM education, among other reasons. We are educating and preparing our students for many jobs that do not currently exist. STEAM education from elementary school through college builds the foundation for future careers and the growth of our local community and our country. My goal is to build and provide a solid STEAM foundational program for grades 1-8 at Discovery Charter. In order for this to happen, we need to expand our campus with an additional building with only an additional 120 students. The additional building would provide proper space for our Special Education program, which is rapidly growing and currently has no space to grow. It would also allow our students to have a proper cafeteria and multipurpose space for expanding our school community events, sports programs, and meeting spaces. We do not currently have a cafeteria or multipurpose space at our campus. The new building would give our students room for additional learning opportunities, room for specific meetings like counseling sessions, and room for parent conferences to support the home and school connection. This building would also give space to grow our much needed STEAM program for all students on campus. I envision learning opportunities for our K-8 students using makerspace and the engineer design process, 3D printers, a computer lab, a lego robotics class and team for all grade levels, a CNC machine and CAD software programs, and the use of robots using learned coding skills. These added opportunities would support each student with 21st century skills: critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, problem solving, and communication. All of these learning opportunities will support our students to build important skills for their future and

the future of our country. Please consider investing in our future by supporting the increase of 120 students at Discovery Charter School. Thank you for your time and your support.

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