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Dear Ms. Mackedon

I am pleased to inform you Coral Academy of Science, Las Vegas (CASLV) was selected by the United States Air Force to build a charter high school on the Nellis Air Force Base (AFB). Due to poor quality, the need for a high school on Nellis AFB is great. Nellis AFB family housing is zoned for Mojave High School, which is part of the Clark County School District. Currently, this school is ranked #46 of 87 high schools in the Las Vegas metro area and #40 of 73 in Clark County. Because of the less than adequate quality of the zoned high school, many military families choose not to live in Nellis housing, and live further away from the installation. Many members that do live on base transport the kids to other high schools, some in excess of 45 minutes away. This provides significant challenges to the efficient execution of the Nellis mission.

CASLV has operated a K-8 charter school on Nellis since 2016 and the school is an integral part of our community. The school provides Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) based curriculum that is vital to military dependent students. As a "Purple Star" rated school, CASLV has a proven track record of servicing the diverse needs and unique challenges faced by military dependents. We are confident, expanding the CASLV campus on Nellis to include high school education with further improve our community and lives of military dependent children.

We are also excited about the opening of the CASLV Pittman campus in East Henderson. Although it is several miles from the installation, the campus will provide an opportunity for matriculating grade 8 students from Nellis to transition to a STEM based high school while the Nellis high school campus is in construction. I am confident CASLV will continue to provide exceptional STEM focused education for the diverse students in the Nellis and East Henderson areas.

I look forward to collaborating with your office and CASLV on the successful establishment of a charter high school on Nellis AFB.

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