



December 31, 2021

Governing Board
State Public Charter School Authority (“SPCSA”)
2080 E. Flamingo Road Suite 230
Las Vegas, NV 89119

***Re: Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada (“Eagle NV”)
Good Cause Exemption Request Defer Opening to SY 2023-2024 &
Amendment Submission Regarding Location and Enrollment***

Dear SPCSA Board Members,

Eagle NV is seeking a good cause exemption to defer opening its new school from School Year 2022-2023 to School Year 2023-2024. In conjunction with the same, the Nevada Eagle NV Board is also requesting approval of its proposed location and a decrease in enrollment. We understand these requests would also constitute the need for an amendment to our prior submission and charter contract and hereby request the same.

On November 5, 2021 the SPCSA approved a Good Cause Exemption Request to expand the zip codes in which Eagle NV can operate to include zip code 89110. A facility has been selected in the 89110 zip code and the property address is 1580 Bledsoe Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89110 (“Bledsoe Property”). The Bledsoe Property was formerly utilized by the Las Vegas Korean Church and has great potential. However, prior to fully occupying the premises a special use permit will need to be obtained and construction will be required to make the space suitable for a school. To facilitate the same, Eagle NV is working diligently with Red Hook Capital Partners (“Red Hook”) to create a feasible budget and a construction timeline. After consulting with a zoning attorney and others familiar with the application process, permit issuance, and construction schedule/timelines for properties located in Clark County, we have determined that the necessary permits and construction can not be completed by June of 2022 to allow the school to open in August 2022. However, our partnership with Red Hook will provide a mechanism to start the zoning application process in the near term with construction to follow and the facility being ready to open for students at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

The Board of Eagle NV is committed to opening and operating a quality school in an underserved school in Clark County, Nevada. Unfortunately, due to zoning and construction requirements related to the Bledsoe Property and limited other available options, we do not believe opening by August 2022 is feasible. As such, we respectfully request a good cause exemption and deferral to allow the school to open for the 2023-2024 school year as further detailed in the amendment application attached hereto. As detailed therein, we believe that the Bledsoe Property, when remodeled, will accommodate 540 students the first year of operations and we anticipate the same growth trajectory as initially approved by the SPCSA. A revised budget reflecting how this will impact the school is also included with this submission. These documents further support our request for a downward adjustment in our approved enrollment.



The Eagle NV Board has voted to request this deferral, seek approval of the Bledsoe Property location and request an enrollment adjustment. We believe such requests and the proposed amendment are the best course of action for all involved.

We also want to take this opportunity to update you on the activities and progress the Eagle NV Board has made over the last year on the prior conditions that were put in place by the SPCSA. In addition to securing a facility, the Eagle NV Board has worked to further develop community partnerships and has provided additional information regarding the same with this submission. *See Attachment 4.* Additionally, the Eagle NV Board has had ongoing communication with SPCSA staff regarding the pre-opening process for a charter school and will continue to do so in advance of the deferred opening date. Other steps taken by the Eagle NV Board include:

- **Board Training:** Each member of the Eagle NV Board has completed board training which included an Open Meeting Law board training video session prepared by Ryan Herrick and working with Don Soifer at Lone Mountain Strategies. Mr. Soifer has met with each board member, conducted two in person group board training sessions in September of 2021, attended several Eagle NV Board meetings and will conduct a follow-up session in 2022.
- **Board Make-up:** Per the SPCSA's request, Jai Mallory will be dropping off the Eagle NV Board in January of 2022 and we intend to replace her with Sherlene Simpson. Ms. Simpson is currently employed as an Ombudsman with the Nevada-Office of Consumer Health and serves as a Consumer Health Advocate for Governor Sisolak. Ms. Simpson is deeply rooted in the Clark County community with a large network of individuals and organizations and will be an amazing addition to the school.
- **School Leader:** The remaining condition identified by the SPCSA was the hiring of a school leader. It is anticipated that a school leader will be identified by July 2022. Due to the facility delays referenced above, the deferral request and budget implications relating to hiring a leader without a guaranteed opening date we believe this course of action was/is prudent and we will work diligently to fill the position in a timely manner.

We appreciate your time and attention to this matter and are looking forward to opening a school in an area where it will make a substantial impact in 2023.

Very truly yours,

Monica Johnson
Eagle NV Board Chair