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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing
SUBJECT: New Schools Approved to Open in the 2023-24 School Year
DATE: April 14, 2023

Overview

The State Public Charter School Authority has approved four new charter school campuses to open for the 2023-24 school year.

School Name	Approval
Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada	Approved on 1/22/21 <i>(Subsequently the Authority approved requests for deferral on 3/19/21 and 1/28/22)</i>
Pinecrest Academy – Springs Campus	Additional campus approved to open on 10/7/22
Rooted School – Clark County	Approved on 11/18/2023
Southern Nevada Trades High School	Approved on 8/29/2023

New schools are required to complete the SPCSA’s pre-opening process and meet any conditions that were included in the SPCSA’s approval of the application. The pre-opening process requires schools to regularly submit evidence demonstrating progress towards readiness to open. The first set of submissions was due by January 15, 2023, with subsequent submissions required in February and March. SPCSA staff is continually in the process of reviewing these submissions and providing feedback, as needed. Below is a summary of the progress each school has made in meeting the pre-opening requirements and fulfilling any conditions that were part of the application approval.

Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada

Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada has submitted all pre-opening requirements due by the March 15, 2023 deadline to the SPCSA. The school is in the process of resubmitting various items that may have required modifications.

The school intends to serve 540 students in kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2023 – 2024 school year. During the most recent monthly pre-opening check-in call, the Eagle team shared that 37 students are fully enrolled, approximately 65 are in process of completing enrollment paperwork, and approximately 350 additional students have expressed interest in enrollment.

Additionally, below is a summary of the status of additional conditions unique to the school:

Condition	Deadline	Status
Evidence that the principal has been selected	January 1	Approved
Written documentation of commitments by ECS	January 17	Approved
Principal professional development plan	January 17	Approved
Evidence that the principal has started work	January 17	Approved
Facility zoning and permitting requirements are complete	February 1	Approved
Payroll provider has been selected	February 1	Submitted
COO has been hired and is working at least part time	February 1	Approved
The following incubation year employees have been hired: - Bookkeeper/Consultant - Office Manager	February 1 April 1	Approved

- *“Approved” indicates that SPCSA staff has reviewed submitted documentation and has determined the condition to be met*
- *“Submitted” indicates that the documentation has been provided to SPCSA staff and is either under review or additional information/documentation has been requested to demonstrate that the condition is met.*

Pinecrest Academy – Springs Campus

Pinecrest Academy – Springs Campus has submitted all but two of the pre-opening requirements due by the March 15, 2023 deadline to the SPCSA. It is SPCSA staff’s understanding that both outstanding items are nearly complete and will be submitted in the near future.

The school intends to serve 257 students in kindergarten through 3rd grade for the 2023 – 2024 school year. During the most recent monthly pre-opening check-in call, the Pinecrest team shared that 130 students are fully enrolled, and that several additional outreach efforts have been planned to ensure that remaining, vacant seats are filled. It is SPCSA staff’s understanding that these events are focused within the primary zip codes the school intends to serve: 89102, 89106, 89107, 89108 & 89146.

Below is a summary of the status of additional conditions unique to the school:

Condition	Deadline	Status
Finalized student recruitment & enrollment plan	December 1	Approved
Evidence of an executed lease for identified facility	February 1	Approved
Evidence that Student Recruitment and Enrollment Plan has been implemented	February 10	Submitted

Rooted School – Clark County

Rooted School – Clark County has submitted all of the pre-opening requirements due by the March 15, 2023 deadline to the SPCSA. Nearly all items due to date have been completed or approved, with a small number of items scheduled to be presented for approval by the Rooted – Clark County board at a meeting later this month. These items were submitted on time but needed additional details or modifications after a review by SPCSA staff.

The school intends to serve 180 students in kindergarten through 9th and 10th grade for the 2023 – 2024 school year. The school’s enrollment window opened in mid-March and will close in early May. During the most recent monthly pre-opening check-in call, the Rooted team shared that approximately 15 student applications had been received to date.

Additionally, below is a summary of the status of additional conditions unique to the school:

Condition	Deadline	Status
Revised lottery policy	January 1	Approved
A fully-executed lease for the 2023 – 24 facility	January 17	Approved
Updated budget that reflects secured philanthropic funding	March 31	Submitted
Evidence the principal has been hired	March 31	Approved
Updated list of partners along with evidence of these relationships including deliverables and responsibilities	March 31	Submitted
Evidence of CTE course compliance and work-based learning approval by NDE	July 30	
Notification of further expansion by Rooted School Foundation	Ongoing	

Southern Nevada Trades High School

Southern Nevada Trades High School has submitted all but one of the pre-opening requirements due by the March 15, 2023 deadline to the SPCSA. The lone outstanding item is related to the school’s facility, and given recent approvals by the local jurisdiction, it is SPCSA staff’s understanding that building permits will be obtained in the very near future to fulfill this item.

The school intends to serve 200 students in 9th and 10th grade for the 2023 – 2024 school year. The school did not need to conduct an enrollment lottery and has begun to collect enrollment paperwork for the approximately 100 students that submitted applications.

Additionally, below is a summary of the status of additional conditions unique to the school:

Condition	Deadline	Status
Finalize principal hiring plan	September 30	Approved
Evidence of fully executed agreement with ACE H.S.	November 30	Approved
Revised budget with ELL/TESOL teacher	November 30	Approved
Evidence that principal has been hired	March 1	Approved