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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing
SUBJECT: Agenda Item 6.c.v: Recommendations for Legacy Traditional School Based on
2022-2023 Academic Performance
DATE: December 8, 2023

As the Authority is aware, the Nevada Department of Education recently released the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) results for the 2022-2023 school year. All public schools in the state of Nevada are issued a star rating when all data points are available.

Additionally, all SPCSA-sponsored charter schools are evaluated on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework (Framework), pursuant to [NRS 388A.273](#). The Framework provides additional metrics for charter school academic achievement and proficiency, including academic growth; disparities in academic achievement and proficiency; and graduation rates, as well as college and career readiness, when applicable.

Any school(s) demonstrating underperformance that has the potential to trigger revocation proceedings in the next 3-5 years should academic performance not improve should be issued a formal Notice to ensure the school and its governing board are aware of the concerns ([NRS 388A.300](#) and [388A.330](#)). Underperformance is defined by [NAC 388A.350](#) as any school receiving a rating below 3 stars in the NSPF or schools that have not consistently complied with the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework. As a reminder, the Authority has three levels of intervention when schools do not meet academic standards. These levels are as follows:

- Notice of Concern
- Notice of Breach
- Notice of Intent to Terminate

The academic performance of the Legacy Traditional School North Valley and Cadence campuses for the last five school years is provided below, as available.

- For the 2018-19 school year, NSPF index scores and star ratings were calculated, but SPCSA Academic Performance Framework (Framework) ratings are unavailable. They were informational only and not released publicly.
- For the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, NSPF index scores, NSPF star ratings, and SPCSA Academic Performance Framework ratings were not calculated due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- For the 2021-22 school year, only NSPF index scores, not NSPF star ratings, were calculated. SPCSA Academic Performance Framework ratings were calculated.

While the 2022-23 academic performance of the Legacy North Valley middle school earned a 3-star rating on the NSPF and a Meets Standard on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework, the elementary school did not meet the 3-star NSPF or the Meets Standard on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework threshold. Additionally, neither the elementary or middle school campus at Legacy Cadence met the 3-star NSPF or the Meets Standard on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework threshold.

Legacy Traditional School	2018-2019 Index Score	2018-2019 Star Rating	2021-2022 Index Score	2021-2022 Framework	2022-2023 Index Score	2022-2023 Star Rating	2022-2023 Framework
Legacy N Valley ES	46.5	2	34.5	29.7— Does Not Meet Standard	34	2	39.4— Does Not Meet Standard
Legacy N Valley MS	60	3	51.5	59.9— Meets Standard	54	3	62.4— Meets Standard
Legacy Cadence ES	48	2	23.5	22.1— Does Not Meet Standard	41	2	47.6— Does Not Meet Standard
Legacy Cadence MS	82	5	59.5	60.7— Meets Standard	46.5	2	49.9— Does Not Meet Standard

Due to the elementary program at the Cadence campus earning a rating of less than 3-stars for the 2018-2019 school year, the Authority issued a Notice of Concern to the Cadence campus regarding the elementary school at the October 4, 2019, meeting.

Additionally, due to the elementary program at the North Valley campus earning a rating of less than 3-stars for two consecutive years, the Authority issued a Notice of Breach to the North Valley campus regarding the elementary school at the October 4, 2019, meeting.

Because of the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and growth data concerns, SPCSA staff strongly recommends the Board take no action regarding Legacy Traditional School. This

would mean that the elementary program of Legacy Cadence would remain under a Notice of Concern, and the elementary program of Legacy North Valley would remain under a Notice of Breach. SPCSA staff will require both campuses include an academic goal that measurably impacts academic performance in their School Performance Plan. Those goals and progress reports will be provided to the SPCSA board.

Additionally, per [NRS 388A.367](#), any school rated 1- or 2- stars is required to mail a written notification to the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled that includes information on the school's star rating and a list of other public schools to which a pupil may transfer if the charter school closes or adopts changes which a parent or legal guardian finds unacceptable. The school must also post a notification on their website. Finally, [NRS 388A.367](#) requires the governing body of qualifying public charter schools to hold a public hearing within 30 days of sending out the required notification so as to provide all stakeholders the opportunity to discuss actions and solicit feedback for continued academic growth and improvement. Staff will monitor compliance with these statutory requirements.