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SPCSA Board & Staff,

We write to you today to share updates as to major items we are implementing to improve our Star ratings at both the Legacy Traditional Schools North Valley and Cadence campuses. While the board has chosen not to require presentations at the upcoming meeting, we do feel it is important to share our sense of urgency and internal plans to address the current academic situation at these campuses. We invite all SPCSA board members or staff to come visit our campuses and meet with us to see the hard work in action. For ease of reading, we will simply bullet the critical items below.

Legacy Traditional Schools- Nevada Board approved a District Improvement Plan at the September 20, 2023 public board meeting. The District Improvement Plan consists of 58 unique items to address the areas in which the school fell short in the Nevada Star Rating report cards issued to our schools including:

- Legacy Traditional School- North Valley hired Brian Campbell as principal prior to the 23-24 school year. Mr. Campbell comes to Legacy with 9 years of Nevada administrative experience.
- Legacy Traditional School- Cadence named a new Principal, Dr. Tracy Schroeder, in November, 2023 from within the Legacy network who possesses a clear understanding of academic expectations. Dr. Schroeder has been with Legacy since 2019.
- Legacy Traditional Schools hired a Chronic Absenteeism Coordinator, Cindy McLeod, to make home visits, track daily attendance, provide parent training, and create campus initiatives focused on improving student attendance. Mrs. McLeod began making home visits in coordination with services provided by Bright Yellow Lines, our transportation service provider, on December 1.
- Campus Administrators and all District Administrators doubled the amount of classroom observations required per week in an effort to more deliberately identify instruction that can be improved throughout the year while providing ongoing coaching and feedback.

- Legacy Traditional Schools remains committed to ensuring that all classroom teachers are certified, and will hire 100% certified teachers moving forward with a goal of 90% of all teachers in testing grades being certified.
- Legacy Traditional Schools started Saturday school the first month of school based on spring testing data to provide intervention to all non-proficient students and close the learning gap that exists in that group of students.
- Legacy Traditional School- North Valley and Legacy Traditional School- Cadence have hired additional academic paraprofessionals to reduce the academic staff to student ratio from 1:32 to 1:26 in testing grades, and deliver additional interventions to students that may be behind grade level or are struggling to demonstrate mastery.
- Legacy Traditional Schools- Nevada board established an Academic Committee that will meet regularly, between full governing board meetings, to review progress of the District Improvement Plan as well as benchmark data as it becomes available throughout the year. The committee plans to provide routine updates to the full board during regular meetings starting in 2024.

While there are many additional things we are doing (58 total) to urgently address the academic concerns at both North Valley and Cadence, we felt it important to highlight a few of the critical items that we believe the SPCSA board would find informative.

Thank you for your time, and again, we would love to welcome you to visit our campuses at any time to see our improvements in action. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions directly.

With appreciation for your service to our schools,



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