



DATE: April 10, 2024

TO: State Public Charter School Authority

FROM: Opportunity 180, *Great Schools for Nevada* Charter School Program Team

RE: Eagle Charter School Update

Dear Director Mackedon,

This MEMO serves as an update on the current status of Eagle Charter School's Federal Charter School Program Grant ("CSP").

Charter School Program Grant Background

In 2020, Opportunity 180 was approved by the US Department of Education to serve as the Nevada State administrator of the Federal Charter School Program (CSP) Grant which is designed to increase the number of quality new, replicated, or expanded public charter schools serving the most at-risk student populations across Nevada. Sub-grantees (schools) may be awarded up to \$1,500,000 across a maximum term of 42 months to support the initial planning and implementation of opening, expanding, or replicating a public charter school. The CSP grant is reimbursable. This means all sub-grantees must first spend their own money on CSP-eligible approved, budgeted expenditures, aligned to the SMART goals outlined in their grant application and then submit them to the CSP Management Team for review, approval, and reimbursement. Reimbursement requests may be submitted monthly and take up to 45 days for approval.

Eagle Charter School CSP Status

Eagle Charter School ("Eagle CS") is currently identified as a "High Risk" school for CSP. They were identified as High-Risk following their October 5, 2023 school site visit. Eagle CS was notified of their High-Risk status as of November 13, 2023. A follow-up site visit was performed on January 25, 2024. At this time Eagle CS was notified again of their High-Risk status. To date, Eagle CS has not provided a board-signed copy of their site-visit report that was requested on February 13, 2024.

Eagle CS leadership was notified that their reimbursements were placed on hold initially on February 22, 2024, pending the receipt of a CSP budget amendment and the updated board-approved SY23/24 school operating budget. Following a March 22, 2024 call between Eagle CS and the CSP Management team, the following items were identified as required to remove the reimbursement hold from Eagle CS's CSP grant:



- **Submit Board signed copy of January 25, 2024 site visit report** – Pending
- **Submit a CSP budget amendment by 3/29 in alignment with updated grant spending** – Submitted by Eagle CS 3/29/24, under review
- **Submit monthly enrollment reports in alignment with CSP monthly reporting requirements beginning 4/1** – Submitted by Eagle CS 4/1/24
- **Submit the proposed SY24/25 school operating budget** – Due 4/19
- **Submit State of Nevada repayment plan approved by both the State Public Charter School and Nevada Department of Education** – Pending (due upon approval)

Eagle CS was awarded a \$1,500,000 CSP grant, effective 2/7/22 – 8/6/25. To date, they have been reimbursed \$581,546.72. The remaining \$918,453.28 is for CSP-eligible expenses from October 2023 to August 2025. The final date to submit a reimbursement request for eligible expenses is September 10, 2025. Eagle CS must be in good standing with the CSP Management Team, having met each of the requirements listed above, to be authorized to submit CSP-eligible expenditures for reimbursement. Eligible expenditures must be fully paid and services or products received by the school. Upon submission, review, and approval of a reimbursement request, Eagle CS may use funds for any other purpose.

Sincerely,



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