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Eagle Charter School Board,

I am reaching out to you today to ensure that the Eagle Charter School Board of Directors is fully informed about the financial situation facing the school. Please know that SPCSA staff have had phone calls, emails, and texts with Jai Mallory, Jose Herrera, Andrea Shorter, and Chair Monica Johnson, who are all aware of the financial situation facing the school.

I attended your board meeting on Friday, March 22, and I was extremely concerned about the critical details that were not shared with the board and the lack of engagement from board members. Not a single board member, except for Chair Johnson, said one word during the meeting.

I have attached the letter that was emailed to Chair Johnson, Ms. Mallory, Mr. Herrera, Ms. Shorter, and Tam Shear from Opportunity 180. It is imperative that the board realize:

- The school owes \$837,085.27 to the Nevada Department of Education (NDE). They have informed us that they only have \$350,000, leaving a \$500,000 balance that the school does not have the funds or a plan to pay back.
- NDE will stop making payments to the school in June or July. The school will not get payments until the entire amount is paid back. Based on the current monthly payment of \$119,446.83, the SPCSA and NDE projects the school will go without a payment from the state for approximately 7 months.
- According to Opportunity 180, the school is not eligible for Charter School Program (CSP) reimbursements until there is a viable plan demonstrating the school can remain financially viable and pay off the \$837,085.27 balance to NDE.
- The SPCSA has asked for a 12-month cash flow from the school, which should have been presented to the board at the 3/22/24 meeting. This did not occur. In fact, school leadership did not present any of the details regarding this critical financial situation.
- The SPCSA has also asked for the FY25 budget, which is legally due April 15. Since the Eagle board is not scheduled to convene again before that deadline, we assumed the tentative FY25 budget would be presented at the 3/22/24 meeting. It was not.
- This matter will now go before the State Public Charter School Authority Board. SPCSA staff will recommend the school receive a financial Notice of Concern at our meeting on April 12, 2024. The school will be given an opportunity to address the Authority Board at that time. If you would like your cash flow and FY25 budget to be a part of that meeting, they will need to be approved by Eagle's board and forwarded to the SPCSA by April 10, 2024.
- The matter will go before the SPCSA board again on May 17, 2024, with a final recommendation, which may include school closure, if the school is not financially viable without CSP dollars.

Additionally, the board should know that it is an Open Meeting Law violation to require the public to sign up in advance to make public comment. That practice must stop immediately. It is also best practice during roll call that each board member unmutes and says, "Here," and keeps their camera on for most of the meeting.

The SPCSA is extremely concerned about this situation and became even more concerned when school leadership failed to address these serious issues with the board. This school is facing school

closure, which the SPCSA does not take lightly because of the adverse effect on the lives of many students and teachers. School leadership not facing the problem head on is unfair to everyone involved.

I did advise Chair Johnson of my concerns after the 3/22/24 board meeting and suggested that the board needed to have another meeting where these matters can be discussed. It is also required that the tentative budget be presented to the board. I told Chair Johnson that I would be happy to attend your next board meeting to discuss these matters. I ask that you please confirm receipt of this email.



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