

EXHIBIT SS

EXHIBIT SS

Sparks, Jenny

From: Greg D. Ott <GOtt@ag.nv.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 8:59 PM
To: Granier, Laura
Cc: Robert A. Whitney; 'John Sande, IV'
Subject: Fw: Hearing dates.
Attachments: Confidentiality Statement (GDO RL).srs.docx

Laura,

I sent this redline to John yesterday. As you can see below, I was a little confused because the narrowing of the agreement in the redline didn't track with the conversations Joh and I had verbally about trying to broaden the agreement. Also please understand that staff is responding to your request to discuss settlement of the existing lawsuits, any discussions to resolve the lawsuits should not be construed as extensions of the cure periods. I'm unavailable tomorrow afternoon, but can discuss on Friday with either your or John or both.

May 25, 26 and 27 are the correct dates. I believe the SPCSA has been able to secure the same rooms it has set up for the previous meeting so NCA would only need to contribute to cost.

Thanks, Greg

From: Greg D. Ott
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 3:18 PM
To: 'John Sande'
Subject: RE: Hearing dates.

Yes. I made travel reservations this morning. Cell number is (775)901-3640.

Attached is a redline of the confidentiality agreement. This redline is based on our prior conversations which stated that you wanted to make the agreement broader not narrower. The language that you submitted limited the agreement and would have allowed the communication of settlement discussions to third parties and would not provide protection for documents from public records requests. If the school has changed its mind and wants a more narrow confidentiality agreement or has concerns about communication with specific third parties such as the EMO, it makes more sense to me to carve that out than it does to narrow the agreement.

As you know, the SPCSA has provided feedback on NCA's cures prior the expiration of its cure periods and without the execution of any confidentiality statement. I have a 3:30 call but am available after if you want to discuss.

Thanks, Greg

-----Original Message-----

From: John Sande [<mailto:john@argentumnv.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 12:26 PM
To: Greg D. Ott <GOtt@ag.nv.gov>
Subject: Hearing dates.

Greg,

Are we locked on the hearing dates? Would you mind sharing your cell number with me? During the session it is a bit easier for me to communicate via cell.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

AGREEMENT REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

This Agreement is intended to cover settlement discussions regarding possible resolution to of a Notice of Intent pursuant to NRS 388A.3302(2) dated February 10, 2017 and amended on February 14, 2017 issued by the State Public Charter School Authority to Nevada Connections Academy and to resolve ongoing litigation in Carson City cases 16 OC-002941 B and 16 OC 001941 B (the "Disputes"). This Agreement shall cover all settlement discussions including discussions between the principals, agents and counsel and any combination thereof between Nevada Connections Academy and the State Public Charter School Authority, (collectively the "Parties"). Counsel for the Parties agree that all communications, representations, offers to compromise, documents exchanged, or other settlement discussions between counsel to begin on ~~March~~ April 10~~4~~24, 2017 shall be confidential, not admissible in any court of law, shall not be disclosed to any party that is not a signatory to this Agreement (Laura we need to carve out exceptions for the 3rd party validator, Connections Education LLC and John Sande as agents of NCA in support of its efforts to respond to and prepare for any action related to the notice of closure, including any supporting litigation.) and shall be protected from public records requests as attorney client confidential information, attorney work product, treated as settlement negotiations under NRS 48.105, the deliberative process privilege and protected by any other applicable privilege to the maximum extent allowable by law.

The Parties' express purpose in engaging settlement discussions is to explore any and all efforts to promptly and expeditiously resolve the Disputes and agree that use of these ~~any~~ communications in court or administrative proceedings or with non-parties regarding the substance of these discussions ~~will~~could frustrate that purpose.

GREGORY D. OTT
Counsel to the State Public Charter School Authority

LAURA GRANIER
Counsel to Nevada Connections Academy