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Nevada Connections Academy

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Dear Steve Werlein:

In June 2013, the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) Board adopted a Charter School Performance Framework (Framework), which provides charter school boards and leaders with clear expectations, fact-based oversight, and timely feedback while ensuring charter autonomy. Through the Framework we monitor SPCSA-sponsored charter school performance in the following areas: Organizational, Financial and Academic.

According to the adopted Framework, annual academic performance reviews will be provided to charter school boards and school leaders each fall following the release of the State’s star ratings. Occasionally, the routine annual review of academic performance will result in an adverse finding of academic underperformance or alternatively, findings of exceptional performance. In the case of an adverse finding of academic underperformance, the school will move out of Good Standing and enter the first level of the intervention ladder (i.e., receive a Notice of Concern). In the case of exceptional performance, the school will receive the Quality School designation. Please reference the following tables to understand how your school’s academic performance compares to the Authority’s designations.

Annual Framework Designation			
Designation	NSPF		Authority Rating
Quality	4-star or 5-star	AND	“Exceptional” or “Exceeds”
Good Standing	Any combination of 2-star, 3-star, or 4-star	AND	“Approaches” or above
Academic Underperformance	Any combination of 1-star or 2-star	AND	“Unsatisfactory” or “Critical”

Authority Rating	School Score	
Exceptional	EX	>95
Exceeds	EC	≥75 and <95
Adequate	AD	≥50 and <75
Approaches	AP	≥25 and <50
Unsatisfactory	U	≥5 and <25
Critical	C	<5

The 2013-2014 Academic Profile for Nevada Connections Academy is currently available in Bighorn. Nevada Connection's profile can be accessed using the following path: [Bighorn](#) > [Files](#) > [State Charter School Documents](#) > [18405 NV Connections Academy](#) > [Authority Framework](#). You will find one document in the Authority Framework folder which includes the 2013-2014 academic profile and zoned school report results. The zoned school report was compiled using 10th grade HSPE Math and Reading proficiency scores for high school levels and adequate growth percentages for the elementary and middle school levels. These scores were pulled from the validated proficiency files used for the NSPF report.

During the 2011-2012 validation round, NV Connections earned a total of 48.43 points resulting in a rating of "Approaches." For 2012-2013, NV Connections earned a total of 50.78 points, resulting in an Authority rating of "Adequate". For 2013-2014, NV Connections earned a total of 42.14 points, resulting in an Authority rating of "Approaches". Although the aggregate score of 42.14 is below the Authority's adopted standard of 50 points, NV **Connections is considered to be in Good Standing.**

Authority staff are available to meet and discuss any aspect of the Academic Profile, Charter School Performance Framework, and/or the Nevada School Performance Framework – please contact Danny Peltier to schedule a time that is convenient for everyone.

Sincerely,



Patrick Gavin

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