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NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY NOTIFIES TWO CHARTER SCHOOLS OF INTENT TO REVOKE CHARTERS OR RECONSTITUTE THEIR GOVERNING BODIES

CARSON CITY – The State Public Charter School Authority announced today that it had issued formal Notices of Intent to revoke the written charters or reconstitute the governing bodies of [Nevada Connections Academy](#) and [Discovery Charter School](#). The issuance of these Notices is based on direction issued to Authority staff at the January 27, 2017 Authority Board meeting.

Grounds for Issuing Notices

State law provides that a graduation rate below 60 percent is grounds for the reconstitution of the governing body of a charter school or the closure of the school by revoking its written charter. State law provides for the same accountability actions for charter schools in the bottom five percent of all elementary or middle schools statewide. Nevada Connections Academy had a graduation rate of 40.09% for the 2015-16 school year. Discovery Charter School has been identified by the Department of Education as an elementary or middle school which performs in the bottom five percent and is thereby eligible for revocation of its written charter or the reconstitution of its governing body.

Schools Have Opportunity to Take Corrective Actions

The issuance of a Notice of Intent is the first step in this accountability process. The law requires that schools have an opportunity to make improvements to cure the issue to the satisfaction of the sponsor. The review of the school's corrective actions and the determination of whether those improvements address the deficiency will occur at a public hearing which will be posted on the Public Charter School Authority's web site at http://charterschools.nv.gov/News/Public_Notices/.

Schools Will Remain Open Through End of 2016-17 School Year

The Notices state that the earliest a school closure could occur for either Nevada Connections Academy or Discovery Charter School is the end of the 2016-2017 year after the last day of school for students. The reconstitution of either school's governing body could happen immediately following the public hearings scheduled for each school.

Parents and families who have additional questions about the process are encouraged to visit the State Public Charter School Authority's website at <http://charterschools.nv.gov> for additional information. The Authority has several Frequently Asked Questions documents available for parents at http://charterschools.nv.gov/ForParents/Parent_Resources/.

Information for Parents

Regardless of the choices made by each school and the ultimate decision of the Authority, both schools would remain open through at least the end of the 2016-2017 school year. "The Authority recognizes that for many families, these schools may present their only public school choice beyond their local zoned school. Any closure—but especially a mid-year closure—is disruptive to families and to local school districts and we wish to ensure that parents and students have as much time as possible to make appropriate arrangements if the schools do not meet the expectations of the Authority Board," Authority Executive Director Patrick Gavin said.

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Resources:

Link to [signed Notice of Intent for Discovery Charter School](#)

Link to [signed Notice of Intent for Nevada Connections Academy](#)

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