

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

STATE OF NEVADA

PATRICK GAVIN
Executive Director



STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

**1749 North Stewart Street Suite 40
Carson City, Nevada 89706-2543
(775) 687 - 9174 • Fax: (775) 687 - 9113**

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Patrick Gavin
SUBJECT: Doral Academy of Northern Nevada Amendment Request
DATE: June 23, 2017

Background:

Doral Academy of Northern Nevada has submitted a request for an approval to reduce its first year enrollment and grade levels served in conjunction with a request to occupy a temporary facility for the 2017-18 school year.

Analysis:

R089-16A gives both the Executive Director and the Authority the discretion to waive the semi-annual amendment application deadline based on a showing of good cause. In this case, the school was unable to continue with acquisition of land and construction of its intended facility due to local approval challenges. The school subsequently identified a temporary facility which it has determined can be ready in time for the start of the 2017-18 school year. Due to the constraints of that particular facility, the school is requesting authority to reduce its initial grad configuration and the total number of students served in the first year of operation.

It is important to note that some elements of the request were determined to be incomplete or only partially responsive. However, the school was able to demonstrate that it can operate in a financially sustainable manner despite this reduced enrollment and it provided a contingency budget demonstrating the ability to remain financially sustainable in the event there was an unforeseen drop in enrollment due to parent uncertainty around whether the school will open on time.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Authority waive the semi-annual amendment deadline for good cause shown. Due to the tight timeline between now and the start of school and the need to finalize admissions decisions and notify parents, staff recommends that the Authority approve this amendment request on the condition that the school remedy any deficiencies to the satisfaction of staff in time for follow-up review at the July Authority meeting.