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**BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** SPCSA Board  
**FROM:** Patrick Gavin, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item 10 - Pinecrest Renewal Request  
**DATE:** January 26, 2018

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Background:

Pinecrest Academy of Nevada has submitted a request for renewal. The current charter contract for Pinecrest expires on August 24, 2018. Pinecrest operates four campuses in Las Vegas: Horizon, St. Rose, Cadence and Inspirada. Below is the historical enrollment of Pinecrest Academy.

Grade Level	Total Amount Across All Existing Campuses - Number of Students					
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Pre-K	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
K	117	94	94	288	445	447
1	93	123	94	292	423	448
2	96	96	112	303	445	464
3	97	98	93	296	442	470
4	96	97	94	301	470	469
5	97	97	97	309	456	495
6	75	121	101	289	415	469
7	51	80	95	172	334	388

8	N/A	46	64	90	197	316
9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	74	95
10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	65
11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>3,701</b>	<b>4,126</b>

Analysis:

**Academics:** Pinecrest Academy has exhibited solid academic performance over the past few years. Most recently, the Nevada State Performance Framework (NSPF) rated both the Pinecrest Elementary and Middle school as five star programs, the highest rating possible. Additionally, the following academic data is available from throughout the charter term:

<b>Year</b>	<b>SPCSA Audit Findings</b>	<b>NSPF Rating</b>
2013	Adequate	Elementary: 3 Star Middle School: 3 Star
2014	Adequate	Elementary: 3 Star Middle School: 4 Star
2015	N/A	Elementary: 3 Star (frozen from 2014) Middle School: 4 Star (frozen from 2014)
2017	N/A	Elementary: 5 Star Middle School: 5 Star

**Organizational:** In its current iteration, the SPCSA Organizational Framework is a rolling evaluation of school organizational performance. Based on verified complaints and spot checks of school organizational performance, the Authority issues Notices of Concern or Notices of Breach for Organizational Performance. Schools which have not received such notices are presumed to be in Good Standing. Pinecrest Academy has not received a Notice of Breach or Notice of Concern since the inception of the Framework, has been classified as in Good Standing in each year from 2014 – 2016, and maintained a Good Standing rating in 2017.

**Financial:** Pinecrest Academy has a history of clean audit findings. The SPCSA Financial Framework monitors a variety of indicators of financial health. Pinecrest Academy received one Notice of Concern for the 2015 – 2016 school year, but has not received either a Notice of Concern or Breach since that time, indicating that the financial health of the school has improved and is now stable. This is supported by the school being classified within the financial rating system as in Good Standing each year since 2014.

Recommendation: Approve Renewal

Pinecrest Academy of Nevada is one of the strongest academic and organizational performers in the SPCSA portfolio. They are financially viable and show no long-term sustainability issues from the information Authority staff has reviewed. The Authority is urged to approve renewal of this charter school for a six year term.