

EXPLORE ACADEMY



July 13, 2020

To the Members of the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority,

The purpose of this letter is to formally request a Good Cause exemption from the SPCSA for an amendment to the school's existing charter contract. The past several months have been an extraordinary period of time for families, communities, and the schools that serve them.

Explore Academy, like many schools, has faced challenges in navigating an uncertain terrain during this period. It has extended itself to engage with families and to connect with those parents and students who are interested in the innovative academic model Explore Academy has to offer. This effort, however, has had its obstacles within the environment everyone is facing, specifically in the area of enrollment. Understandably so, parents and families are concerned about change during these times, and the uncertainty of a new educational format has left many to remain in their current schooling pathway.

As such, Explore Academy seeks to decrease its contracted student enrollment to a level of 150 students within its approved grades 6 -9. Based on the school's enrollment modeling, it feels it can meet this projection for the start of school in August.

We ask that you consider this request so the school may adjust its efforts toward an enrollment it feels is appropriate for the given environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gretchen Larsen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Gretchen Larsen

Explore Academy Head
Administrator