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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Patrick Gavin and Adam Johnson
SUBJECT: Amendment of Contracts to Permit Postponement of High Stakes Reviews to April 29
DATE: February 22, 2016

Background:

The Authority imposed the High Stakes Review of Beacon Academy of Nevada as part of its resolution renewing the school. Subsequently, Beacon requested an amendment to its enrollment and agreed to the postponement of the High Stakes Review to the first quarter of calendar year 2016. At Beacon's request, staff agreed to schedule the High Stakes review for the March meeting to permit the school the maximum amount of time to assemble evidence for consideration by the Board.

In late January, Beacon Academy of Nevada inquired of staff regarding the postponement of its high stakes review from March 25, 2016 to April 29, 2016 to allow for greater participation of parents, students, staff, and board members who are otherwise out of town due to Spring Break and Good Friday. As a postponement would have scheduled the High Stakes Review to a period outside of the first quarter of 2016, staff advised that this change was not possible.

Beacon Academy of Nevada subsequently contacted the Board Chair and requested additional consideration of their request. Based on consultation with staff and counsel, it was determined that if a postponement is to be offered to Beacon, the same opportunity must be afforded to Nevada Virtual Academy.

Recommendation:

The Board Chair recommends directing staff to offer both Beacon and Nevada Virtual the opportunity to amend their charter contracts to provide for the postponement of the High Stakes review to the April 29, 2016 board meeting. The due date for any such amendment request is March 11, 2016. In the event that the schools accept that opportunity, staff are authorized to amend the charter contracts.