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**S U B J E C T: Interview the three top candidates for the position of executive director of the State Public Charter School Authority**

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Dear Mrs. Kirkland,

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the position of Director, Nevada State Public Charter School Authority. I am excited about the opportunity to assist the state of Nevada as it oversees the ongoing development of high performing charter schools to serve Nevada families. In support of my application I have attached my resume. Let me also summarize some of the experience and expertise I offer.

- Twenty five years of experience in K-12 education; local, state and federal leadership roles.
- Twenty years of expertise in charter school policy, law, operations and development in California and nationally.
- Lead Charter school staff person at the California Department of Education during the critical first years after passage of California's law.
- Director of Governmental Relations for California Network of Educational Charters; 1999-2003
- Founder of the Rocklin Academy Family of Charter Schools, high performing Core Knowledge elementary schools and Western Sierra Collegiate Academy, a high performing middle/high school.
- Founding Superintendent of Athlos Academies. Athlos is an innovative charter start up organization that combines high academic expectations with fitness/athleticism for all students and strong character development.
- Leadership (Board level) at the California Charter School Association
- Member of the Placer County Board of Education, with a board leadership role in the review, approval and oversight of charter schools. Doing statewide leadership work with NACSA and other California authorizers to improve authorizer practice and expertise.

Charter schools are an incredibly powerful vehicle to provide families with educational choices that best meet their needs AND can be the catalyst for improvement of the entire public education system. The basic premise of charter schools, flexibility and freedom from onerous regulations in return for accountability for results, is powerful. A critical component in ensuring that charter schools meet their potential is high quality charter authorizing and oversight.

I am excited about the opportunity to be part of the work of the state of Nevada in continuing the development of an outstanding, high performing Charter School sector as part of a larger agenda of providing quality choices and educational excellence for all Nevadans. I look forward to discussing this opportunity and my qualifications with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

David Patterson, Ed.D.

*David Patterson*

Attachment

**CHARTER SCHOOL AND EDUCATION LEADER**

**Charter School Expertise / Collaborative Leadership / Data Driven Processes / Parent & Community Involvement / Education Reform / Political Acumen / Project Management**

Over 25 years of experience creating, growing, and managing high performing schools; awarded the Senator Hart Vision Award in 2012 and 1998 for outstanding leadership and excellence in education; emphasis on achieving high academic and behavioral standards with commitment to personal best and full partnership with parents; recognized expert in charter school law and policy, school reform policy and research; acknowledged leader in state and national political and legislative activities.

**EXPERIENCE AND SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS****Superintendent/Executive Director – Athlos Academies****2012-Present**

- Founding Superintendent of Athlos Academies, an innovative start-up charter management organization dedicated to the development of high performing charter schools that are built on three pillars of a Prepared Mind, Strong Character and Healthy Body.
- Educational program uniquely combines academics, fitness/athletic participation and character education, leading to more active, fit and academically successful students.

**Superintendent/Founder - Rocklin Academy Schools****1998-2012**

- Recipient of the 2012 California Hart Vision Charter School Leader of the Year Award.
- Founded Core Knowledge elementary charter schools and college preparatory middle-high school emphasizing high academic and behavioral standards, commitment to student personal best and full partnership with parents. These three high performing charter schools have APIs of 963, 956 and 893.
- Orchestrated \$10.4 million tax-exempt bond financing with investment bank Piper Jaffray for the purchase and personally supervised the renovation of an innovative and cost effective 77,000 sq. ft. school facility. From conception to occupancy in seven months.
- Negotiated a \$1.1 million Prop 39 district payment as part of an "In Lieu Agreement" for Western Sierra Collegiate Academy.
- Secured approval of Confucius Institute classroom program for Rocklin Academy providing Chinese language and culture in partnership with San Francisco State University and Hanban Institute, Beijing China.
- ~~Oversaw the implementation of nationally recognized Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) as part of a data driven culture of high academic performance.~~
- Won approval of Western Sierra Collegiate Academy from the State Board of Education.
- Awarded Grant Funding in excess of \$2 million: Demonstration Grant, three Charter School Implementation Grants, Silicon Valley Family Foundation Growth Grant.
- Negotiated an eleven year Long Term Housing Agreement for Rocklin Academy elementary schools with Rocklin Unified School District.
- Implementation of Core Knowledge Sequence, named National Core Knowledge School Visitation Sites; National Recognition Professional Learning Communities Shirley Hord Award, designated California Distinguished School, CBEE Educational Excellence Awards
- "Best of the Best Elementary and Middle/High Schools in Rocklin CA".

**Statewide Leadership – California Charter School Association****2003-Present**

- Board member and Secretary, Policy Committee Chair, CCSA Advocates (501c4), the political action arm of CCSA (2011-present)
- President, Alliance of California Charter Schools (501c4) political action committee supporting charter schools (2010-11)
- Legislative Policy Committee member, National Alliance for Charter Schools (2008-11)



- Vice Chairman and Board Member, CCSA Member Council (2003-12)
- Region 3 Representative CCSA (2003-12)
- Executive Committee member, El Dorado Charter SELPA (2009-12)

**Executive Director/Director of Governmental Relations CANEC****1999-2003**

- Oversaw the historic transition of the California Network of Educational Charters to the newly formed California Charter Schools Association.
- Represented CANEC members on charter school issues before the legislature, governor, State Board of Ed., California Department of Education, other state and federal agencies. Legislative achievements and challenges included collective bargaining (AB 631), financing (AB 1115), revolving loan (SB 267), geographic limits (AB 1994), IS (SB 740) and annual budget battles.
- Founded and served as Director of the Governmental Relations Office. Developed and implemented comprehensive charter school advocacy agenda.

**Education Program Consultant - California Dept. of Education****1989-1998*****Charter Schools***

- Recipient of the 1998 California Hart Vision Charter School Leader of the Year Award.
- Led CDE's effort in implementing the charter school legislation.
- Advised Superintendent Eastin and the State Board on development of charter school policy, including fiscal, assessment, curriculum and special education. Wrote program advisories, policy papers and legislative proposals.
- Authored successful applications for federal charter school funds; managed the multimillion dollar program.
- Assisted charter developers, charter schools and districts in the implementation of the law.

***Regional Programs and Special Projects Division***

- Member of a new action-oriented field focused division created by Superintendent Honig to escalate the rate of educational restructuring and system reform.
- Guided schools in their implementation of SB 1274 (Demonstration of Public School Restructuring). Assisted in development of Planning and Demonstration RFPs, led the development of the first SB 1274 tech infusion plan.

**Senior Vice President - First Independent Bank****1988-1989****Manager - Student Loan Program, California Student Aid Commission****1983-1988****Executive Director - Higher Education Loan Program of Washington, D.C.****1979-1983****Assistant Director of Financial Aid - Computer Learning Center****1978-1979****Project Director - Financial Aid Information Project, Washington, D.C.****1978****ELECTED OFFICE**

Placer County Board of Education

**2012-2016**

Board of Trustees, Rocklin Unified School District

**1996-1999**

Board of Trustees, Del Paso Heights Elementary School District

**1987-1994****EDUCATION**

Doctorate in Education - University of Southern California. Summa cum Laude.

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Master of Arts - Higher Education Administration, George Washington University.

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Bachelor of Arts, Political Science - University of California, Los Angeles

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Dear selection committee:

I was excited to see the opening for the position of Director for the State Public Charter School Authority. This position aligns with my current professional goals to return to my home state of Nevada and my interest in educational reform. Throughout my career, I have always felt a strong sense of commitment to the success and achievement of the students, staff, and communities in which I have been fortunate enough to work for and with, and in my time working both as a principal and as a superintendent, I have had a strong passion to explore new and unique methods to provide strong sound education for all students.

I am currently the Deputy Superintendent of the Rocklin Unified School District in charge of Educational Services, which encompasses supervision of schools, principals, special programs, testing, as well as technology services. During my time serving Rocklin our district has performed at a high level, scoring in the top 10% in the state of California. Though my role has many responsibilities, the focus of my work at RUSD has been around the implementation of the California Common Core State Standards. I developed a CCCSS implementation plan that entailed professional development, technology advancement, curriculum/resource evaluation and assessment development. Upon my arrival to Rocklin, I was also tasked with transitioning an independent study school to a blended learning charter school option. The Rocklin Independent Charter Academy is making great strides and has doubled in enrollment since its inception. This transition was filled with many challenges. It took a strong effort to gain community support, gather political equity, along with shifting strong philosophical support for the traditional educational systems. With my team we built a five year plan that included educational expectations and outcomes, budget and finance, developed compliance procedures, and successfully navigated the approval process set forth by the State of California.

Previous to my current position, I was the Superintendent of Lassen Union High School District. While Superintendent at LUHSD it was clear that we needed to focus on improving staff performance and provide needed intervention support and additional programs for students. Through our Strategic Plan, we successfully implemented an all employee professional development program that focused on meeting the individual needs of each employee. With our commitment to improve teaching, we saw the district achieve the highest test scores in its history. In an effort to improve on student opportunities we opened the Diamond Mountain Charter School. This school focused its efforts on providing a quality option for our students.

I believe strongly that learning is a continuous process and I am committed to being a lifelong learner. This is why it was important to me to earn my Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership and why I seek out opportunities to engage with colleagues, attend and present at conferences, symposiums, and workshops.

I respectfully submit this letter and my professional resume with the desire to be the Director for the State Public Charter School Authority. I look forward to returning to the great state of Nevada and have the opportunity to serve the charter school community for many years to come.

Sincerely,



Todd Cutler, Ed.D.

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## **EDUCATION**

Education Doctorate, Educational Leadership, Nova Southeastern University  
Master of Arts, Education Administration & Supervision, University of Phoenix  
Bachelor of Science, Secondary Social Studies/History, New Mexico State University

## **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

2012 – Present	Deputy Superintendent, Rocklin Unified School District, California (11,800 ADA)
2009 - 2012	Superintendent, Lassen Union High School District, California (1100 ADA); and Principal Diamond Mountain Charter High School (100 ADA)
2011 - 2012	Superintendent, Johnstonville Elementary School District, California (250 ADA)
2006 – 2009	School Improvement Analyst/Administrative Coach, Western Nevada Regional Training Program (WNRTP) (56 schools in region)
2001 –2006	Principal, Cottonwood Elementary School, Fernley, Nevada (900 ADA)
1999 – 2001	Assistant Principal, Fernley High School, Fernley, Nevada (750 ADA)
1998 – 1999	Principal, Virginia City High School, Virginia City, Nevada (150 ADA)

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM RUSD DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT POSITION**

- Facilitation of a new District Vision, Mission Statement and Strategic Plan
- Development of a District-wide Professional Development Plan focused on 21<sup>st</sup> century learning
- Developed the Common Core Implementation Plan
- Development of a District Wireless Implementation Plan
- Implemented new learning management system in secondary schools
- Transitioned an independent study school to blended learning charter option
- Developed plan for transition to new state testing system
- Created and implemented an Aspiring Administrators Leadership Academy
- Facilitation of a new district wide safety plan working with RPD and RFD

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM LUHSD SUPERINTENDENT POSITION**

- Highest Student API in school history
- All District Professional Development Plan
- Helped create Lassen Peaks – A Lassen Education Collaborative
- Successfully eliminated deficit spending without cutting student programs
- Successfully negotiated three year contractual agreements with both Certificated and Classified Associations
- Served as Superintendent for feeder district Johnstonville Elementary
- Planned and implemented a PR/Media plan
- Opened an independent learning charter school that provided optional learning pathways.

## **KEY WNRTP LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Region/District/School Improvement Committee Facilitator
- Mini-Grant Manager for schools in program improvement
- Leadership Academy Program Developer/Trainer/ Leadership Mentor/Coach
- High School Accreditation Facilitator
- Trainer for the following topics: Leadership, Professional Learning Communities, Instructional Practices and Planning, and Assessment uses and strategies



## **K-12 TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Clark County School District NV, Clark High School World History/U.S. History  
Douglas County School District NV, Pau Wa Lu Middle School, U.S. History/Weight Training  
Douglas County School District NV, Douglas High School, World History/Speech

## **POST SECONDARY INSTRUCTOR EXPERIENCE**

2004 - 2009      Facilitator/Teacher for the University of Phoenix  
                         - School Law for Educators  
                         - Instructional Program Management and Evaluation  
                         - Human Relations/Organizational Behavior  
                         - Critical Issues in Education  
                         - Curriculum Constructs and Assessment: History and Social Science  
                         - Nevada Constitution/School Law  
                         - Supervisor for Administrative Interns  
2008              Instructor School Improvement Course by WN RTP through University of Nevada  
2001 - 2006      Student Teacher Supervisor for University of Nevada and Sierra Nevada College  
1996 - 1998      Cooperating Teacher for UNLV Practicum Students, Las Vegas, Nevada

## **POLITICAL/ /FACILITATOR/SPEAKING EXPERIENCE**

1998 – Present    Leadership/Motivational Lectures and Presentations to Education and Corporate Industry  
                         Recent Highlights:  
                         ➤ While in Lassen County held several trainings for Lassen County Office of Education and other local school district on Instructional Practices, Professional Learning Communities, Leadership  
                         ➤ Presented HR training at PASSCo Sacramento Region December 2011  
                         ➤ Keynote Speaker for Small School Districts Association Conference Spring 2012  
                         ➤ Presenter California Association of School Business Officers (CASBO) Conference April 2013  
2011 – 2012      Host of the radio show View Point on 1240 KSUE in Susanville, CA  
2006 – 2009      Mayor/Chief Executive Officer, Fernley Nevada (Election 11/7/06)  
                         ➤ Member of the National League of Cities, served on the Leadership Training Council  
2001              Empower U Inc., Leadership and Communication Trainer

## **EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS**

Association of California School Administrators  
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development  
California School Boards Association  
California Association of School Business Officers  
Small School Districts Association  
Nevada Association of School Administrators (1998-2009)

## **COLLEGIATE HONORS/AWARDS HIGHLIGHTS**

New Mexico State University Athletic Hall of Fame  
Big West Conference, Scholar-Athlete of the Year  
Football News Second Team All-American  
GTE Academic All-American

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December 23, 2013

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Dear Ms. Kirkland:

In response to the recent posting for a Director of the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority, I am very excited to share my resume with you.

As you can see, I have worked extensively in government organizations and nonprofits throughout my career. After many years of working for legislators and a Governor I have found a real passion for education reform and providing high-quality choices to people who typically do not have them readily available.

Over the past two-years I have worked tirelessly with national experts from The National Alliance for Public Charter Schools and The Association for Public Charter School Authorizers to craft legislation that will strengthen New Jersey's charter school law. The bill is expected to be introduced shortly after the new session begins in January 2014. In addition, I have worked with the authorizer to implement application and renewal procedures that ensure high-quality charter schools are open and operating.

I am confident that I will bring a lot of experience, education and passion to Nevada. After several years of focusing on creating a strong charter school sector in New Jersey I am very familiar with the elements needed to achieve high-quality options for all families, particularly those who are geographically bound to underperforming district schools.

I look forward to speaking with you at greater length about this position and how I can help create a highly functioning public charter school authority. I currently live in New Jersey, but I am very interested in relocating to Nevada.

Best regards,



Donna J. Siminski

# Donna J. Siminski

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## PROFILE

Extensive experience in the legislative process, public policy, public administration, and advocacy building. Expertise in leadership, managerial, and analytical functions. Accomplishments include: Worked with a team of advocates to successfully direct legislation to enactment; assisted in the design and development of an inner-city Special Services District; managed a 30-member state agency staff; organized leadership conferences through the Office of the Governor for over 1,500 attendees.

## EXPERIENCE

**Director of Policy & Advocacy, NJ Charter Schools Association, New Jersey** **2011- Present**  
*Develop the Association's policy agenda to support the implementation of best practices in statute and regulations.*

- Established strong lines of communication between the Association and the state elected officials to secure charter school reform in statute.
- Coordinate with the NJ Department of Education's Charter School Office to implement nationally recognized best-practices through the regulatory process.
- Drafted comprehensive reform legislation to strengthen the 1996 Charter School Program Act to increase oversight, autonomy, accountability and funding equity.
- Developed and executed the organization's public policy and advocacy activities for over 100 members and five thousand advocates.
- Prepared and presented testimony to legislative committees and public panels.
- Created an advocacy committee comprised of school leaders to engage public officials, parents and the community.
- Conduct monthly policy calls with members to keep them updated on legislative and regulatory activity.
- Implemented quarterly meetings for Association members to meet with the Department of Education.
- Partnered with education based groups to coordinate efforts.
- Drafted policy position statements on various charter school policies in New Jersey.

**Vice President of Public Policy, Volunteers of America, Collingswood, New Jersey** **2006- 2011**  
*Manage the agency's interface with federal, state, and local officials while leading the multi-state policy program.*

- Developed and executed the organization's public policy and advocacy activities.
- Lobbied for funding at the federal and state level to support Agency programs resulting in over \$350,000 for mental health program expansion.
- Prepared and presented testimony to legislative committees and public panels.
- Successfully collaborated with state-wide advocates to win passage of key legislative packages impacting over 8,000 clients served annually.
- Educated and motivated over 400 staff and 800 volunteers to conduct effective advocacy leading to an increase in funding for low-income renters.
- Drafted several white papers detailing best practices in community corrections at the request of city council members and state representatives.

**Project Director, Greater Camden Partnership, Camden, New Jersey** **2004-2006**  
*Coordinated efforts among community partners to support the efforts to revitalize Camden, New Jersey.*

- Developed a downtown Special Services District to bring enhanced safety and maintenance as a foundation for economic improvement by providing clean and safe programs to several communities.
- Team leader of 20 members to assist in the design of the Camden Redevelopment Plan.
- Prepared the annual operating budget for all programs.
- Managed membership development to increase participation in the Partnership.
- Worked with community organizers to engage grassroots and community stakeholders to develop the Camden Redevelopment plan and other initiatives.

**Chief of External Affairs, New Jersey Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency, Trenton, NJ 2003-2004**  
*Supported the Agency's mission statement and the policies of the Governor's office through legislative affairs, marketing and outreach to the communities we served.*

- Managed a 30-member staff as well as departments including Government Affairs, Marketing, Procurement, and Community Outreach.
- Developed legislative strategy and engaged stakeholders.
- Produced the Agency's annual report, marketing material and conference brochures.
- Prepared the operating budget for the three divisions and monitored expenses with Agency revenues.
- Organized the Governor's Annual Housing Conference for over 1,500 attendees including the solicitation of sponsorships.

**Director, New Jersey's Governor's Office of Outreach and Relations, Trenton, New Jersey 2002-2003**  
*Responsible for representing the Governor and managing a coordinated response system to public policies and constituent concerns.*

- Revised personnel management procedures to more efficiently respond to external communications.
- Researched and drafted policy recommendations in response to legislative activities.
- Built an internal response system to support constituent communications.
- Coordinated efforts to be responsive to the citizenry of New Jersey with the Governor's Cabinet and legislative leadership.
- Raised visibility of the Governor's office by placing staff in local government offices to respond to constituents in their communities.

**Chief of Staff, New Jersey Assemblyman Joseph Roberts, Barrington, New Jersey 2000-2002**  
*Managed the overall operation of the district office and served as the Assemblyman's top policy advisor.*

- Monitored and responded to legislative issues resulting in the passage of initiatives, which represented the constituents of the district and state.
- Prepared questions and comments for the Assemblyman in anticipation of committee and public hearings.
- Represented the Assemblyman before constituent groups and community leaders.
- Organized over a dozen town hall style meetings with mayors, council members and constituents from over 15 towns to discuss state issues.

**Legislative Aide, New Jersey Assemblywoman Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Camden, New Jersey 1998-2000**  
*Served as principal advisor on state-wide issues.*

- Drafted legislation to address inequities for low-income citizens.
- Handled media inquiries and interview requests.
- Assisted constituents in dealing with problems relating to state agencies and local issues.

**EDUCATION**

Rutgers University, Camden  
M.P.A Public Administration & Policy

**May 2003**

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B.A. Political Science

**May 1998**

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Lead NJ Fellows Program

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**STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY**

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENT**

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MEETING DATE: May 6, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: 4

NUMBER OF ENCLOSURE(S): 1

**PRESENTER(S):** Kathleen Conaboy, Chair, State Public Charter School Authority

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**BUDGET ACCOUNT (FOR PRINTING CHARGES ONLY):**

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**LENGTH OF TIME EXPECTED FOR PRESENTATION (IN MINUTES):** 60 min

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**S U B J E C T: Member Comment**

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MEETING DATE: May 6, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: 5

NUMBER OF ENCLOSURE(S): 1

**PRESENTER(S): Kathleen Conaboy, Chair, State Public Charter School Authority**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**BUDGET ACCOUNT (FOR PRINTING CHARGES ONLY):**

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**LENGTH OF TIME EXPECTED FOR PRESENTATION (IN MINUTES): 10 min**

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