

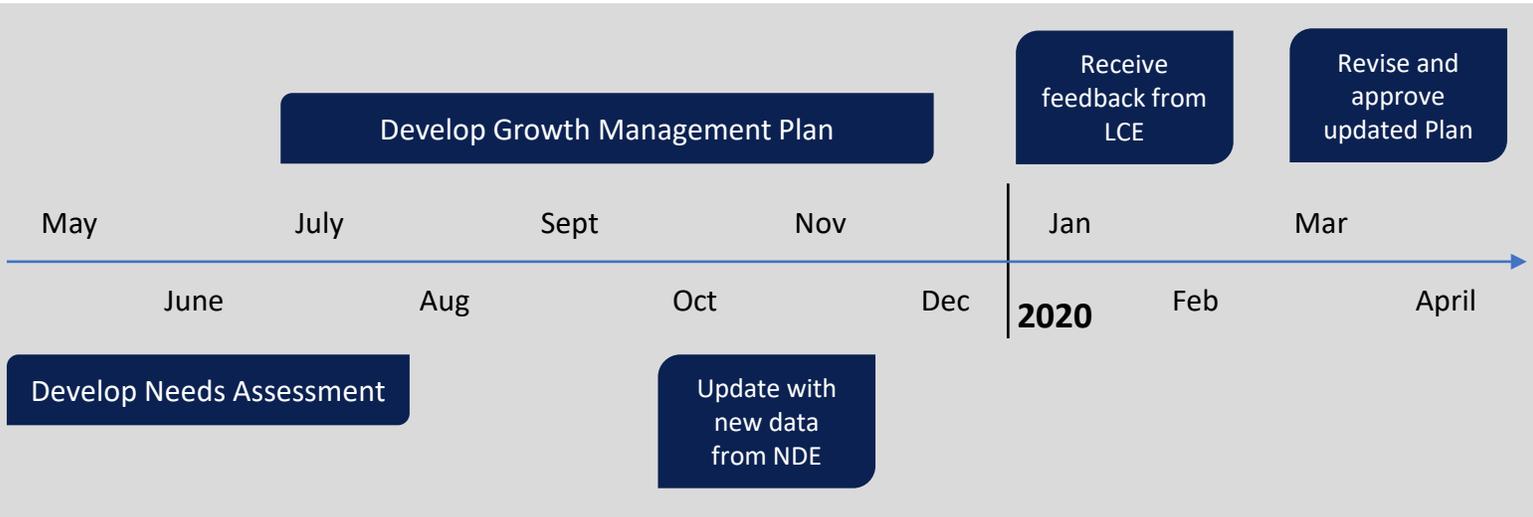
Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment and Growth Management Plan

Update to Authority on July 24, 2020



Initial Development

In accordance with Assembly Bill 462 (2019) which has been codified in NRS 388A, the SPCSA developed the first interactions of the Needs Assessment and Growth Management Plan.



Requirements for Updates and Revisions

- The **Academic and Demographic Needs Assessments** must be updated each year on or before January 31. NRS 388A.220
- The **Growth Management Plan** must be reviewed by the Authority at least biennially and revised as necessary. NRS 388A.167

Needs Assessment

- **Near term:** Update with new demographic data published by the Nevada Department of Education for Authority approval prior to January 31, 2021.
- **Long term:** Publish Needs Assessment 3.0 that includes 1) an annually published report 2) an online version of the Needs Assessment maps and data that can be used by stakeholders to understand community needs at the state, district and zip code levels by January 2022.

Applicable Nevada Revised Statutes

NRS 388A.220(6) On or before January 31 of each year, the State Public Charter School Authority shall prepare, in collaboration with the Department and, to the extent practicable, the board of trustees of each school district in this State and any other sponsor of a charter school in this State, an evaluation of demographic information of pupils, the academic needs of pupils and the needs of any pupils who are at risk of dropping out of school in this State.

NRS 388A.249(3)(c) The proposed sponsor of a charter school may approve an application to form a charter school only if the proposed sponsor determines that...Based on the most recent evaluation prepared by the proposed sponsor pursuant to subsection 5 or 6 of NRS 388A.220, as applicable, the proposed charter school will address one or more of the needs identified in the evaluation;

Growth Plan

- **Near term:** Update with new demographic data published by the Nevada Department of Education and to reflect projections for new schools and campuses for 2021-22 school year for Authority approval in early 2021.
- **Longer term:** Building on the initial Growth Management Plan working group, develop and implement a stakeholder engagement strategy in order to deepen our understanding of communities and educational needs, refine the Needs Assessment and Growth Management Plan, and strengthen relationships with stakeholders.

Applicable Nevada Revised Statutes

NRS 388A.167

1. The State Public Charter School Authority shall establish a plan to manage the growth of charter schools in this State. The plan must set forth the status of existing charter schools and a 5-year projection of anticipated growth in the number of charter schools.
2. To develop the plan pursuant to subsection 1, the Authority shall determine the projected number of:
 - a) New charter schools that the Authority will approve;
 - b) Additional campuses of charter schools that the Authority will approve;
 - c) Charter schools that will expand the grade levels offered at the charter schools or will otherwise increase enrollment of pupils at the charter schools; and
 - d) Charter schools whose charter contracts will expire and the likelihood that the charter contracts will be renewed.
3. In addition to the information described in subsection 2, to develop the plan pursuant to subsection 1, the Authority shall consider:
 - a) Information relating to pupils included in the statewide system of accountability for public schools, including, without limitation, information relating to specific groups and subgroups of pupils;
 - b) Information relating to the academic needs of pupils in the various geographic areas of the State; and
 - c) Any other information the Authority deems necessary to determine whether increasing the number of charter schools or expanding the campuses of existing charter schools will best serve the pupils of this State.
4. The Authority, the Department and each board of trustees of a school district in this State shall collaborate in developing the plan pursuant to subsection 1.
5. The Authority shall review the plan at least biennially and revise the plan as necessary.

Questions for Discussion

- How should the SPCSA engage with stakeholders as we work to refine these anchor documents?
- What should the SPCSA consider in future revisions to the Needs Assessment?
- What should the SPCSA consider in future revisions to the Growth Management Plan?