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**ACTION MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** SPCSA Board  
**FROM:** Mike Dang, Manager, Financial and Organizational Performance  
Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing  
**SUBJECT:** Nevada State High School RFA to  
- Defer opening of campus #9 to the 2022 – 23 school year  
- Approve this campus to be located in the 89031 zip code  
**DATE:** April 23, 2021

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**Summary of Request and Recommendation**

On Thursday, April 15, 2021, the Governing Body of Nevada State High School (NSHS) approved its leadership submitting a Request For Amendments, with a Good Cause Exemption, to the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) for NSHS to:

1. Defer Opening of Campus #8 under the Flagship contract to the 2022 – 23 school year, and
2. Approve this campus to be located at 4280 W. Craig Road, North Las Vegas, NV 89031.

The amendment application notes that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the plans to open this campus since it was approved on June 26, 2020.

**SPCSA staff have reviewed application requests and recommend that the Authority grant this Good Cause Exemption request and approve the amendment request as presented, with conditions outlined below.**

## Background

Nevada State High School (NSHS) currently serves 1,030 students under three charter contracts at eight locations under the NSHS board as of the most recent Validation Day (October 1, 2020). The SPCSA currently holds three contracts with NSHS (Flagship, Sunrise, and Meadowwood). On June 26, 2020, the Authority approved the consolidation of the Flagship and Sunrise contracts into one contract beginning July 1, 2021. At that same meeting, the Authority approved NSHS to open an additional campus under the Flagship contract, subject to conditions, to open for the 2021 – 22 school year.

The NSHS application states that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, multiple challenges have arisen that have made opening for the 2022 – 23 a better option. These include finding a site, receiving the necessary approvals, securing a contractor, and messaging prospective students.

Despite these challenges, the application notes that NSHS has identified a potential location for the campus at 4280 W. Craig Road, North Las Vegas, NV 89031. This location is not within the zip codes that the Authority approved last summer (89030, 89032, 89121 or 89122), but as NSHS was not able to find space, it appears that this location will still allow the school to serve the intended communities while being less than 1000 feet away from the approved zip codes. According to the application, NSHS prefers this location so as to deliver their academic model, and believes that this location would still align with the intent of the SPCSA Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment.

Below is the enrollment trajectory of the school, as approved by the SPCSA last June:

Grade Level	Number of Students					
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
10						
11	55	63	73	80	88	93
12	45	52	60	65	72	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>170</b>

According to the amendment application, the enrollment caps for this proposed campus would not change.

## Applicant Eligibility

When reviewing a RFA, the SPCSA reviews the academic, financial and organizational performance of the applicant charter school. Staff finds NSHS to be eligible to submit this application as the school exhibits strong past performance academically, financially and operationally.

## Summary and Recommendation

Overall, SPCSA staff finds the delay due to COVID-19 to be understandable, and finds that the proposed location is in close proximity to the originally approved zip codes by the Authority. Ultimately, staff is confident that the proposed location will still allow the school to primarily serve the communities as outlined and described initially.

For these reasons, SPCSA staff recommends that the Authority grant the Good Cause Exemption request and approve the NSHS request, subject to the below conditions.

**Proposed Motion:**

**Grant NSHS a Good Cause Exemption and approve the Nevada State High School (NSHS) requests, with conditions, to allow NSHS to:**

- 1. Defer the opening of Campus #8 under the Flagship contract to the 2022 – 23 school year, and**
- 2. Approve the school to be located in the 89031 zip code at the address listed within the application.**
  - a. Condition: NSHS complete the SPCSA’s Pre-Opening process for new and expanding campuses. SPCSA staff will work with school leadership to ensure that all requirements are completed in a timely manner, and well before the opening of the campus.**

If approved, the following enrollment caps will be in place through the remainder of the charter term<sup>1</sup>:

<b>Flagship Contract Campuses<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
<b>Downtown Campus</b>	
Grade Levels	11-12
Enrollment	130
<b>Henderson Campus #1 (233 N. Stephanie Street)</b>	
Grade Levels	11-12
Enrollment	290
<b>Henderson Campus #2 (303 S. Water Street)</b>	
Grade Levels	11-12
Enrollment	130
<b>Northwest Campus</b>	
Grade Levels	11-12
Enrollment	120
<b>Southwest Campus</b>	
Grade Levels	11-12
Enrollment	160
<b>Summerlin Campus</b>	
Grade Levels	11-12
Enrollment	240
<b>Sunrise Campus</b>	
	Under combined contract
Grade Levels	11-12
Enrollment	130

<sup>1</sup> If approved, the ninth campus would open in the 2022 – 23 school year under the Flagship contract. NSHS is up for renewal in the Fall of 2021, meaning that this new campus would not open until after the Authority takes action regarding renewal. The enrollment caps on page 2 of this memo would be incorporated into any renewed contract.

<sup>2</sup> This chart does not include the enrollment information for Meadowwood campus as that contract is not impacted by this amendment.

**Historical Performance and Demographic Information**

**Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) – Nevada State High School (all campuses)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Ratings<sup>34</sup></b>
2020 <sup>5</sup>	Downtown: 5-star Henderson #1: 5-star Summerlin: 5-star Sunrise: Not Rated
2019	Downtown: 5-star Henderson #1: 5-star Summerlin: 5-star Sunrise: Not Rated
2018	Downtown: Not Rated Henderson #1: 5-star Summerlin: 5-star
2017	Network HS: Not Rated

**Validated Four-Year Graduation Rates – NSHS**

2020	Downtown = 97.5% Henderson #1 = 98.3% Southwest = 100% Summerlin = 100% Sunrise = 100%
2019	Downtown = 94.7% Henderson #1 = 97.9% Summerlin = 100%
2018	Downtown = 100% Henderson #1 = 97.9% Summerlin = 97.26%
2017	99.35%

<sup>3</sup> NSHS-Southwest campus opened in the 2019 – 20 school year, and has yet to be rated under the NSPF.

<sup>4</sup> NSHS-Northwest and NSHS-Henderson #2 opened in the 2020 – 21 school year. Both have yet to be rated under the NSPF.

<sup>5</sup> Due to COVID-19, the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) applied for and was granted a 2019 – 20 school year waiver from the US Department of Education for certain assessment, accountability, school identification, and reporting requirements established by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Accordingly, for the 2019 – 20 school year, Nevada statewide assessments were not administered and the NDE did not calculate Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) school ratings.

## School Total Enrollment and Demographics since 2017

### DOWNTOWN

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	46	2.1%	6.5%	13.0%	76.0%	0%	2.1%	0%	0%	0%	63.0%
18-19	80	5.0%	18.7%	7.5%	66.2%	0%	2.5%	0%	*	*	71.2%
19-20	77	6.4%	25.9%	10.3%	50.6%	1.2%	3.8%	1.2%	*	*	62.3%
20-21	56	7.1%	17.8%	10.7%	57.1%	0%	3.5%	3.5%	*	*	83.9%

### HENDERSON #1

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	296	6.4%	3.3%	60.1%	20.9%	0%	9.1%	0%	*	*	20.9%
18-19	323	5.8%	4.9%	51.3%	27.8%	0.6%	8.6%	0.6%	*	*	32.1%
19-20	341	4.9%	3.2%	58.9%	22.5%	0%	9.6%	0.5%	*	*	17.3%
20-21	286	5.9%	3.4%	56.6%	21.6%	0.3%	10.8%	1.0%	*	*	18.1%

### HENDERSON #2

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
20-21	100	3.0%	2.0%	73%	13%	0%	8%	1%	*	*	14%

### NORTHWEST

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
20-21	99	7%	17.1%	39.3%	22.2%	0%	11.1%	3%	*	0%	37.3%

### SOUTHWEST

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
19-20	99	17.1%	20.2%	25.2%	22.2%	0	10.1%	5.0%	*	*	42.4%
20-21	135	13.3%	27.4%	25.9%	20.7%	0%	5.1%	7.4%	*	*	44.4%

### SUMMERLIN

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	150	15.3%	5.3%	31.3%	36.0%	0%	11.3%	0.6%	*	*	29.3%
18-19	242	11.5%	8.2%	28.9%	35.5%	0.4%	13.2%	2.0%	<5	*	45.8%
19-20	218	9.1%	13.3%	30.7%	33.4%	0%	10.0%	3.2%	*	*	32.5%
20-21	189	7.9%	13.7%	41.2%	26.9%	0%	9.5%	0.5%	0	*	40.7%

### SUNRISE

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
18-19	38	2.6%	26.3%	13.1%	57.8%	0%	0%	0%	*	*	71.0%
19-20	80	1.2%	25.0%	13.7%	53.7%	0	5.0%	1.2%	*	*	57.5%
20-21	97	1%	20.6%	12.3%	54.6%	1%	9.2%	1%	0	*	55.6%

A – Asian

B – Black

C - White

H – Hispanic

I – American Indian/Alaskan Native

M – Two or more races

P – Pacific Islander

IEP – Individualized Education Plan –A student with a disability/special education student

ELL – English Language Learner

FRL – A student who qualifies for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch

\* - Suppressed data due to n-count