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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Mike Dang, Manager, Financial and Organizational Performance
Mark Modrein, Director of Authorizing
SUBJECT: Coral Academy of Science – Las Vegas (CASLV) Amendment Request to -
Expand to a New Campus
DATE: December 3, 2021

Summary of Request and Recommendation

Coral Academy of Science – Las Vegas (CASLV) currently operates six campuses across the Las Vegas metropolitan area, serving 3,781 students in grades PK – 12 as of the 2021-22 count day. The school was approved in February 2021 to expand to a seventh campus in Henderson that is proposed to open for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

According to the amendment application, CASLV is requesting to amend their current charter to include a Dual-Credit and Jumpstart program in order to provide further educational opportunities to its communities. CASLV will select, through their own application process, any high school students that qualify to enroll in the CSN Jumpstart program. The Jumpstart Enrollment Program partners with Clark County School District (CCSD), charter and private local high schools to allow freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior high school students to enroll in college-level courses at a reduced fee to "jumpstart" their college careers.

Both CSN and CASLV will coordinate to verify the selected students qualify for admission and enrollment pursuant to applicable NSHE standards. Once the students are enrolled, CSN will provide a CSN academic advisor or success coach, with whom each CASLV student must meet. CSN will provide CASLV students enrolled in Dual-Credit courses the counseling services offered to other CSN students.

According to the application, Jumpstart program courses will be offered by qualified CASLV teachers on the CASLV Sandy Ridge campus. All other dual enrollment courses will be offered at established CSN campuses or CSN learning sites. Both CASLV and CSN will be responsible for maintaining their respective student records for the courses that are awarded credit under the dual enrollment program.

CASLV students will be responsible to pay all fees applicable to being enrolled at CSN for Dual-Credit courses. In an effort to subsidize the cost of CSN Dual-Credit, the application states that CASLV will pursue grants and other funding opportunities. It should also be noted, students who attend the Jumpstart Program at

the CASLV Sandy Ridge campus will be required to pay the \$75 fee unless the student qualifies for FRL or claims another hardship. Students who choose to attend dual enrollment courses at the CSN campus will be required to pay costs associated with the course, unless CASLV asks, or requires, the student to complete Dual-Credit courses to make up for credit deficiency.

The application states that no employee of CSN currently serves on the CASLV Board of Directors and proposed Memorandums of Understanding for both the Dual-Credit program and Jumpstart program have been included in the amendment application submitted by CASLV.

SPCSA staff has reviewed the application request and recommends that the Authority approve the request for CASLV to implement its Dual Enrollment and Jumpstart programs as described in its amendment application.

Applicant Eligibility

Existing charter schools that are sponsored by the SPCSA may submit a charter school contract amendment application to the SPCSA – which is reviewed by SPCSA staff and presented for SPCSA Board action – in order to, among other things, increase enrollment, add grade levels above and beyond what the charter school is approved to serve, or add a new campus. While CASLV is not seeking to expand its enrollment under this amendment, it is worth noting that only those existing charter schools that are meeting expectations in regard to academics (under both the Department of Education’s Nevada School Performance Framework -- the “Star Ratings” -- and the SPCSA’s Academic Performance Framework), are compliant in regard to the SPCSA’s Organizational Framework, and are fiscally sound may be approved for expansion. Furthermore, the academic, organizational, and financial performance of other charter schools that contract with the same Charter Management Organization or Educational Management organization is taken into account when reviewing an expansion application.

Proposed Motion:

Grant Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas a Good Cause Exemption and approve the Amendment request to implement a Dual-Credit program and a Jumpstart program.

The enrollment cap for CASLV at each campus for the remainder of the charter term:

School Year	2021 – 2022	2022 – 2023	2023 – 2024	2024 – 2025
Centennial Hills	647	647	647	647
Eastgate	640	640	640	640
Nellis AFB	885	885	885	885
Sandy Ridge	835	835	835	835
Tamarus	405	405	405	405
Windmill	383	383	383	383
<i>Proposed Campus</i>	-	1850	1850	1850
TOTAL	3795	5645	5645	5645

Historical Performance and Demographic Information

Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) – Coral Academy of Science – Las Vegas

Year	Ratings		
2021 ¹	Centennial Hills – ES: 4-star Eastgate – ES: 4-star Nellis – ES: 2-star Tamarus – ES: Not Rated Windmill – ES: 4-star	Centennial Hills – MS: 5-star Eastgate – MS: 5-star Nellis – MS: 5-star Sandy Ridge – MS: 5-star Windmill – MS: 5-star	Sandy Ridge – HS: 5-star
2020 ²	Centennial Hills – ES: 4-star Eastgate – ES: 4-star Nellis – ES: 2-star Tamarus – ES: Not Rated Windmill – ES: 4-star	Centennial Hills – MS: 5-star Eastgate – MS: 5-star Nellis – MS: 5-star Sandy Ridge – MS: 5-star Windmill – MS: 5-star	Sandy Ridge – HS: 5-star
2019	Centennial Hills – ES: 4-star Eastgate – ES: 4-star Nellis – ES: 2-star Tamarus – ES: Not Rated Windmill – ES: 4-star	Centennial Hills – MS: 5-star Eastgate – MS: 5-star Nellis – MS: 5-star Sandy Ridge – MS: 5-star Windmill – MS: 5-star	Sandy Ridge – HS: 5-star
2018	Centennial Hills – ES: 4-star Nellis – ES: 4-star Tamarus – ES: Not Rated Windmill – ES: 5-star	Sandy Ridge – MS: 5-star	Sandy Ridge – HS: 5-star
2017	Network ES: 3-star	Network MS: 5-star	

¹ Due to COVID-19, the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) applied for and was granted a 2020-21 school year waiver from the U.S. Department of Education for certain requirements established by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Nevada statewide assessments were administered in the 2020-21 school year, but the NDE did not calculate new Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) school ratings for the 2020-21 school year.

² 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.

Validated Four-Year Graduation Rates – Coral Academy of Science – Las Vegas

2021	99%
2020	100%
2019	97.8%
2018	100%
2017	100%

School Total Enrollment and Demographics since 2017

CENTENNIAL HILLS

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	682	11.3%	12.5%	46.6%	19.2%	0.3%	9.2%	0.9%	8.2%	4.3%	10.1%
18-19	633	12.8%	10.9%	43.9%	22.3%	0.3%	8.5%	1.3%	7.7%	3.5%	14.4%
19-20	647	13.0%	8.7%	42.8%	24.3%	0.5%	9.7%	1.1%	7.4%	3.7%	25.3%
20-21	684	11.8%	8.4%	40.4%	26.9%	0.4%	10.5%	1.3%	7.3%	2.1%	25.2%
21-22	651	10.5%	8.4%	41.3%	27.3%	0.3%	10.5%	1.3%	5.5%	<5%	31.4%

EASTGATE

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18-19	652	21.3%	9.2%	37.7%	19.6%	0.2%	9.8%	2.1%	6.1%	0.8%	21.0%
19-20	640	19.8%	7.3%	36.7%	22.7%	0.2%	11.3%	2.0%	6.4%	3.9%	26.4%
20-21	641	21.9%	6.5%	33.3%	24.8%	0.1%	10.9%	2.1%	7.0%	3.1%	24.6%
21-22	637	24.6%	6.4%	29.6%	25.5%	0.3%	10.8%	2.5%	8.6%	<5%	38.6%

NELLIS

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	722	3.7%	13.4%	49.4%	18.4%	0.6%	10.5%	3.9%	6.1%	*	29.8%
18-19	791	3.2%	14.0%	45.3%	21.5%	0.9%	10.7%	4.4%	8.6%	1.3%	17.7%
19-20	874	3.1%	14.5%	45.2%	23.7%	0.3%	9.5%	3.7%	9.2%	*	23.8%
20-21	876	4.3%	15.1%	40.2%	25.9%	0.5%	11.6%	2.0%	8.4%	*	16.5%
21-22	860	4.1%	16.5%	37.3%	28.1%	0.4%	12.0%	1.2%	7.9%	*	29.6%

SANDY RIDGE

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	817	23.1%	6.5%	43.3%	15.8%	0.7%	8.7%	1.8%	3.4%	2.2%	5.9%
18-19	809	22.5%	6.3%	41.4%	16.4%	0.7%	10.6%	2.0%	4.1%	2.1%	10.0%
19-20	846	25.5%	5.7%	38.7%	16.3%	0.4%	11.1%	2.4%	3.5%	2.1%	13.8%
20-21	860	23.6%	6.2%	37.9%	18.1%	0.3%	11.5%	2.2%	4.1%	2.7%	16.3%
21-22	842	25.6%	6.5%	37.2%	16.6%	0.1%	11.6%	2.1%	<5%	<5%	28.0%

TAMARUS

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	382	28.3%	4.2%	42.4%	13.6%	0.3%	10.5%	0.8%	4.2%	10.5%	9.7%
18-19	394	28.4%	4.8%	40.6%	13.5%	0.0%	11.9%	0.8%	3.6%	7.9%	11.2%
19-20	394	31.7%	6.1%	35.5%	15.2%	0.0%	10.2%	1.3%	6.1%	9.6%	14.5%
20-21	420	28.8%	7.3%	35.0%	15.7%	0.0%	11.4%	1.6%	7.8%	8.8%	17.3%
21-22	395	29.1%	7.8%	31.1%	17.4%	0.0%	12.9%	1.5%	6.5%	8.8%	30.3%

WINDMILL

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	399	29.1%	3.5%	35.8%	13.3%	1.0%	16.0%	1.3%	4.0%	5.0%	4.8%
18-19	403	30.8%	4.2%	39.0%	11.9%	0.5%	11.9%	1.7%	2.5%	4.2%	11.4%
19-20	400	32.8%	3.5%	36.8%	13.8%	0.5%	12.3%	0.5%	3.5%	3.0%	16.0%
20-21	404	27.9%	5.6%	38.3%	15.0%	0.0%	11.8%	0.9%	4.4%	4.9%	17.5%
21-22	396	27.7%	5.3%	37.6%	15.4%	0.2%	12.3%	1.2%	5.8%	5.0%	28.7%

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-cou