From: Fisher, Jeremy
To: SPCSA Public Comment

Subject: Re: Public Comment 10/7 (non-agenda item)

Date: Friday, October 7, 2022 10:09:46 AM

<u>WARNING</u> - This email originated from outside the State of Nevada. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Is it possible to make a correction to my public comment as the meeting has not started yet? I inadvertently used the farther instead of further, and did not catch it. The corrected full statement is below. Thank you.

Members of the Board,

I am Dr. Jeremy Fisher, the current Middle School Science teacher and Kindergarten parent at Discovery Charter School. I hold a Doctoral Certificate in Education. I continue to choose to teach at Discovery because of their mission and the current demographic of students. Originally, I thought that this school on Hillpointe Rd was filled with more affluent students, this could not be further from the truth. The location of a charter school does not always dictate the makeup of the student population. You should know this however based on the demographic forms we collect, or even an audit of our student population domicile zip codes from our Infinite Campus.

We have parents driving 30 minutes each way to bring their students here. This Middle School draws students from Mountain's Edge, to North Las Vegas, Nellis, and the East Side. Close to 1/3 of our student population in the middle school comes from our Sandhill Campus location. This campus is in an opportunity zone, a zone you stress, we as Charter Schools service, then upon adhering to your wishes penalize a school for doing what others won't, educate less affluent students.

To achieve this high-level of education in our MIddle School as a review, these students are bussed to our Hillpointe campus. A sacrifice both the student and parent make to have them receive one of the highest levels of education. Last year, on the 8th grade middle school cumulative science test my students reached an unheard of 70% proficiency rating. This was the 1st time that a majority of our Sandhill MS students reached proficiency.

Why is this important? Well, these students as a review are brought to Hillpointe each day. We are providing a superior education to these students than they would receive from their zoned school, and particularly in Science, a higher-level than virtually any other school in Clark County and the State. Our Middle School is full, and because of this, we are in need of the new 5th grade/ electives/ student education services building. We have a lot of momentum and need to continue the growth and be able to serve our students properly. By this board denying the increase in students needed to fully expand our campus, you are complicit and knowingly decreasing the level of education received to underserved students, which is a contradiction of your vision statement of, "To provide equitable access to diverse, innovative, and high-quality public schools for every Nevada Student."

Thank you for your time and consideration in regard to this matter.

On Thu, Oct 6, 2022 at 9:36 AM Fisher, Jeremy < jfisher@dcslv.org > wrote: | Members of the Board,

I am Dr. Jeremy Fisher, the current Middle School Science teacher and Kindergarten parent at Discovery Charter School. I hold a Doctoral Certificate in Education. I continue to choose to teach at Discovery because of their mission and the current demographic of students. Originally, I thought that this school on Hillpointe Rd was filled with more affluent students, this could not be farther from the truth. The location of a charter school does not always dictate the makeup of the student population. You should know this however based on the demographic forms we collect, or even an audit of our student population domicile zip codes from our Infinite Campus.

We have parents driving 30 minutes each way to bring their students here. This Middle School draws students from Mountain's Edge, to North Las Vegas, Nellis, and the East Side. Close to 1/3 of our student population in the middle school comes from our Sandhill Campus location. This campus is in an opportunity zone, a zone you stress, we as Charter Schools service, then upon adhering to your wishes penalize a school for doing what others won't, educate less affluent students.

To achieve this high-level of education in our MIddle School as a review, these students are bussed to our Hillpointe campus. A sacrifice both the student and parent make to have them receive one of the highest levels of education. Last year, on the 8th grade middle school cumulative science test my students reached an unheard of 70% proficiency rating. This was the 1st time that a majority of our Sandhill MS students reached proficiency.

Why is this important? Well, these students as a review are brought to Hillpointe each day. We are providing a superior education to these students than they would receive from their zoned school, and particularly in Science, a higher-level than virtually any other school in Clark County and the State. Our Middle School is full, and because of this, we are in need of the new 5th grade/ electives/ student education services building. We have a lot of momentum and need to continue the growth and be able to serve our students properly. By this board denying the increase in students needed to fully expand our campus, you are complicit and knowingly decreasing the level of education received to underserved students, which is a contradiction of your vision statement of, "To provide equitable access to diverse, innovative, and high-quality public schools for every Nevada Student."

Thank you for your time and consideration in regard to this matter.

--

Regards,

Jeremy

Jeremy Fisher, DAT, MPA, LAT, ATC, PES Science Teacher Discovery Charter School- Summerlin

--

Regards,

Jeremy

Jeremy Fisher, DAT, MPA, LAT, ATC, PES Science Teacher Discovery Charter School- Summerlin