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Good morning. I am the assistant principal at Discovery Charter School Hillpointe. Based on the document provided by the SPCSA, it shows that Hillpointe is meeting the standards. The items that are considered to be factors in choosing to not allow Discovery to grow are limited and not reflective of the current situations.

In August 2019, when I started at Discovery, our funds were limited as a previous debt by our predecessors was incurred. I taught fifth grade in the morning and then became assistant principal in the afternoon. It was not until the end of the year that our debt dwindled by maintaining our campuses well within our budget with minimal expenses during the 19-20 school year. I have been assistant principal full time since March 2020. In that time, I have seen our populations at both campuses grow, but I am primarily at the Hillpointe campus. Tricia Wilbourne, our principal, and myself divide and conquer all tasks. I currently am a sponsor of 2 clubs (Honor society and safety patrol) and facilitate a math program in grades first to eighth, am the English Learners Coordinator, the account payable specialist for both campuses, and sit in most if not all IEP and parent meetings as needed. I am the only bilingual staff member at my campus so I also translate for all publications from our schools. This school has been my community for 4 years and have only grown to love the members of it.

We have all specialist teachers at Hillpointe on carts and have 2 specialists sharing a homeroom class to be able to have a classroom for a special. We do not have a gymnasium or a cafeteria. These extra students for enrollment will allow us to expand our student population, hire teachers, and have access to a fifth building that can be for all of our students to hold assemblies, to eat inside, to have physical education classes inside, and to have more classrooms for all of our modified spaces and carts for our teachers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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