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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Authority Board
FROM: Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III, SPCSA
SUBJECT: Nevada State High School - Flagship – Charter Amendment Request to relocate the Las Vegas Summerlin campus
DATE: October 13, 2023

Summary of Request and Recommendation

Nevada State High School Flagship (NSHS) has submitted an amendment application requesting that the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) grant a Good Cause Exemption and approve the school to relocate the Las Vegas Summerlin campus.

SPCSA staff has reviewed the application and recommends that the Authority grant the Good Cause Exemption and approve the amendment request. A proposed motion, along with conditions, can be found on page of 3 this memo.

Background and Overview of the Amendment

NSHS is a college-prep public charter school that serves students in grades 11-12 across eight campuses in Clark County. NSHS's mission is to support students in a college environment with personal, academic, and social skills. The core purpose of NSHS is to provide opportunities for students' success in a real college environment. As of the 2022 Validation Day, NSHS had 996 students across the eight campuses.

According to the amendment application, the current term of the NSHS Summerlin campus will expire in June 2024, and the school is seeking to change the location of the campus from its current address at 850 S. Durango Dr. Ste. 100 Las Vegas, NV 89145 to the proposed location at 6250 West Charleston Boulevard, Suite 150, Las Vegas, NV 89146. NSHS notes in their amendment application, that relocating to the new location will increase access for students from more diverse backgrounds by allowing greater access for students from schools, including but not limited to: Bonanza High School, Western High School, Cimarron Memorial High School, and Clark High School. NSHS also believes the new location will lead to greater visibility and marketability because the current location is difficult to find and is not along a major thoroughfare, while the new location will be much more accessible for students and families. Additionally, NSHS hopes the move will provide a better proximity to the College of Southern Nevada. NSHS explained that the proposed new location is directly adjacent to the College of Southern Nevada- West Charleston Campus, making access for students to classes and supports offered at the college extremely convenient.

According to the amendment application, the square footage of the current campus is 5,800 square feet, but NSHS notes that their ideal square footage for a location is 2,000 square feet. Since students attend their classes at the college campuses, NSHS does not need abundant space at its campus locations. NSHS also explained that the relocation will allow the school to save additional money. NSHS said the lease at the current location had a low cost per square foot but because of the unneeded square footage, the cost of rent is higher than the proposed new location and the overall cost of facilities at the new location will generate significant cost savings over time.

Finally, if approved, NSHS says it is planning on hosting a series of parent/student input meetings to share information about the new location and to gather feedback regarding any unanticipated challenges regarding the campus location change. Input received will help Nevada State High School ensure that current 11th grade students and their families have the necessary support needed to continue through 12th grade.

Legal Authority and Requirements Related to Amendment Requests

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. When determining whether to approve an amendment request, the sponsor considers the charter school’s compliance with applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations and evidence relating to the academics, finance and organization of the charter school. (See NAC 388A.400(8) and NRS 388A.276).

Analysis and Staff Recommendation

When reviewing an amendment application, SPCSA staff reviews the academic, financial and organizational performance of the applicant charter school. In the case of NSHS Flagship,

SPCSA staff finds the schools to be meeting academic, financial and organizational performance expectations for all campuses. NSHS has maintained strong academic performance as evidenced by the NSPF ratings earned by multiple campuses. The Downtown, Henderson and Summerlin campuses each earned a 5-star rating according to the most recent NSPF ratings. The NSHS Flagship campuses were also found to be meeting, or exceeding, expectations on the 2021-2022 SPCSA Academic Performance Framework.

Additionally, the NSHS earned 99 points (out of 100) under the SPCSA Organizational Performance Framework for the 2021 – 22 school year as approved by the Authority on December 16, 2022. As such, SPCSA staff finds the school to be ‘Meeting Standards.’ NSHS has also been found to ‘Meet the Standards’ on the 2022 SPCSA Financial Performance Framework which was approved by the Authority at the March 3, 2023, board meeting.

SPCSA staff is supportive of the request by NSHS. As stated previously in the memo, the relocation to the new facility at 6250 West Charleston Boulevard, Suite 150, Las Vegas, NV 89146 will allow for easier access to the College of Southern Nevada for students, and increased visibility and access for students interested in attending NSHS. Additionally, SPCSA staff reviewed, and agrees with, NSHS’s assessment that the relocation will save the school money over the course of the lease at the new facility. NSHS offers a unique model where 11th and 12th grade students are able to earn college credit at colleges and universities across the state and SPCSA staff was pleased to see the new location could expand access to more diverse community compared to the current location. Additionally, SPCSA notes this request does not contemplate a change to the approved enrollment cap at the Summerlin campus, or any of the other NSHS campuses. SPCSA staff recommends approval of the relocation of the NSHS Summerlin campus with conditions.

Proposed Motion: Grant the Good Cause Exemption request and approve NSHS Flagship’s request to relocate the Summerlin campus to 250 West Charleston Boulevard, Suite 150, Las Vegas, NV 89146 with the following conditions:

- 1. That by January 15, 2024, Nevada State High School provide a fully executed lease;**
- 2. That NSHS provides SPCSA staff with Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Occupancy demonstrating compliance with NRS 388A.360, which requires a school facility to be inspected at least 30 days prior to occupancy.**
- 3. That NSHS work with SPCSA staff to identify and complete pre-opening requirements that pertain to the occupation of the 6250 West Charleston Boulevard facility.**

The approved, the enrollment caps for each NSHS Flagship campus are as follows:

School Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Grade Levels	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12
Enrollment	85	94	103	113	124	136
Grade Levels	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12
Enrollment	295	310	310	310	310	310
Grade Levels	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12
Enrollment	144	158	174	190	190	190
Grade Levels	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12
Enrollment	156	166	166	166	166	166
Grade Levels	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12
Enrollment	157	173	188	188	188	188
Grade Levels	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12
Enrollment	188	207	228	255	255	255
Grade Levels	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12
Enrollment	96	106	117	129	130	130
Grade Levels	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12
Enrollment	110	121	133	146	161	170
Total Enrollment	1231	1335	1419	1497	1524	1545

School Demographics change since 2017 – Nevada State High School

Nevada State High School Downtown

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	46	2.1%	6.5%	13.0%	76.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	63.0%
18-19	80	5.0%	18.7%	7.5%	66.2%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	*	*	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%	0.0%	3.5%	3.5%	*	*	83.9%
21-22	54	7.4%	22.2%	5.5%	55.5%	0.0%	7.4%	1.8%	*	*	70.3%
22-23	65	6.1%	18.4%	4.6%	66.1%	0.0%	4.6%	0.0%	*	*	75.3%

Nevada State High School Downtown Henderson

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-21	100	3.0%	2.0%	73.0%	13.0%	0.0%	8.0%	1.0%	*	0.0%	14.0%
21-22	106	4.7%	1.8%	66.9%	19.8%	0.0%	5.6%	0.9%	*	0.0%	13.2%
22-23	120	6.6%	3.3%	60.8%	22.5%	0.0%	6.6%	0.0%	*	0.0%	16.6%

Nevada State High School Henderson

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	296	6.4%	3.3%	60.1%	20.9%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	*	*	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%	0.0%	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%
21-22	258	10.4%	3.1%	52.3%	25.1%	0.0%	7.7%	1.1%	*	*	23.2%
22-23	246	14.6%	6.5%	42.6%	26.0%	0.4%	7.3%	2.4%	*	*	25.2%

Nevada State High School North Las Vegas

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21-22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nevada State High School Northwest

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-21	99	7.0%	17.1%	39.3%	22.2%	0.0%	11.1%	3.0%	*	*	37.3%
21-22	118	5.0%	15.2%	37.2%	29.6%	0.8%	10.1%	1.6%	*	*	26.2%
22-23	130	6.9%	10.0%	33.8%	32.3%	0.7%	14.6%	1.5%	*	*	27.6%

Nevada State High School Southwest

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19-20	99	17.1%	20.2%	25.2%	22.2%	0.0%	10.1%	5.0%	*	*	42.4%
20-21	135	13.3%	27.4%	25.9%	20.7%	0.0%	5.1%	7.4%	*	*	44.4%
21-22	121	11.5%	28.9%	23.9%	23.1%	0.0%	9.9%	2.4%	*	*	41.3%
22-23	131	18.3%	16.7%	25.9%	26.7%	0.7%	10.6%	0.7%	*	*	40.4%

Nevada State High School Summerlin

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	17-18	150	15.3%	5.3%	31.3%	36.0%	0.0%	11.3%	0.6%	*	*
18-19	18-19	242	11.5%	8.2%	28.9%	35.5%	0.4%	13.2%	2.0%	*	<5.0%

19-20	19-20	218	9.1%	13.3%	30.7%	33.4%	0.0%	10.0%	3.2%	*	*
20-21	20-21	189	7.9%	13.7%	41.2%	26.9%	0.0%	9.5%	0.5%	0.0%	*
21-22	21-22	176	9.6%	14.2%	34.6%	35.2%	0.0%	5.6%	0.5%	*	*

Nevada State High School Sunrise

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
18-19	38	2.6%	26.3%	13.1%	57.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	*	*	71.0%
19-20	80	1.2%	25.0%	13.7%	53.7%	0.0%	5.0%	1.2%	*	*	57.5%
20-21	97	1.0%	20.6%	12.3%	54.6%	1.0%	9.2%	1.0%	0.0%	*	55.6%
21-22	80	2.5%	13.7%	10.0%	60.0%	2.5%	10.0%	1.2%	*	*	56.2%
22-23	80	5.0%	15.0%	5.0%	70.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	*	*	55.0%

A – Asian
 B – Black
 C – Caucasian 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

Nevada State High School Financial Performance

Year	Rating
2019 – 2020	Meets the Standard
2020 – 2021	Meets the Standard
2021 – 2022	Meets the Standard

Nevada State High School Organizational Performance

Year	Rating
2019 – 2020	Meets the Standard
2020 – 2021	Meets the Standard
2021 – 2022	Meets the Standard

Nevada State High School Academic Performance

School Year	NSPF Rating
2021 – 2022 Index Scores	Downtown: 75.3 Downtown Henderson: 89.0 Henderson: 90.0
	Northwest: 89.5 Southwest: 93.0 Summerlin: 86.3 Sunrise: 89.8
2020 – 2021 ¹	Downtown: 5-stars Henderson: 5-stars Southwest: Not Rated Summerlin: 5-stars Sunrise: Not Rated
2019 – 2020 ²	Downtown: 5-stars Henderson: 5-stars Southwest: Not Rated Summerlin: 5-stars Sunrise: Not Rated
2018 – 2019	Downtown: 5-stars Henderson: 5-stars Summerlin: 5-stars Sunrise: Not Rated
2017 – 2018	Downtown: Not Rated Henderson: 5-stars Summerlin: 5-stars

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

Nevada State High School 2021-22 SPCSA Academic Performance Framework Results³

Campus	2021-22 SPCSA Academic Framework Score	2021-22 SPCSA Academic Framework Rating
NSHS Downtown HS	75.3	MEETS STANDARD
NSHS Downtown Henderson HS	89.0	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Henderson HS	90.0	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Northwest HS	89.5	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Southwest HS	93.0	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Summerlin HS	86.3	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Sunrise HS	89.8	EXCEEDS STANDARD

³ The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) calculated NSPF index scores for the 2021-22 school year but did not calculate corresponding star ratings (shown as N/A). 2021-22 NSPF details and rules can be found at: <http://nevadareportcard.nv.gov/DI/MoreDownload?filename=Nevada%20School%20Performance%20Framework%20Manual%202021-22%20School%20Year.pdf>