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**BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** SPCSA Board  
**FROM:** Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing  
**SUBJECT:** New Schools Approved to Open in the 2023-24 School Year  
**DATE:** June 23, 2023

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**Overview**

The State Public Charter School Authority has approved four new charter school campuses to open for the 2023-24 school year.

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Approval</b>
Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada	Approved on 1/22/21 <i>(Subsequently the Authority approved requests for deferral on 3/19/21 and 1/28/22)</i>
Pinecrest Academy – Springs Campus	Additional campus approved to open on 10/7/22
Rooted School – Clark County	Approved on 11/18/2023
Southern Nevada Trades High School	Approved on 8/29/2023

New schools are required to complete the SPCSA’s pre-opening process and meet any conditions that were included in the SPCSA’s approval of the application. The pre-opening process requires schools to regularly submit evidence demonstrating progress towards readiness to open. The first set of submissions was due by January 15, 2023, with subsequent submissions required in February through mid-June. SPCSA staff is continually in the process of reviewing these submissions and providing feedback, as needed. Below is a summary of the progress each school has made in meeting the pre-opening requirements and fulfilling any conditions that were part of the application approval.

## Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada

Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada has submitted most pre-opening requirements due by the June 15, 2023 deadline. SPCSA staff has notified the school of several outstanding items which have yet to be submitted.

The school intends to serve 540 students in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2023 – 2024 school year. The enrollment audit for the school confirmed that the school had 306 students enrolled.

Additionally, below is a summary of the status of additional conditions unique to the school:

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Status</b>
Evidence that the principal has been selected	January 1	Approved
Written documentation of commitments by ECS	January 17	Approved
Principal professional development plan	January 17	Approved
Evidence that the principal has started work	January 17	Approved
Facility zoning and permitting requirements are complete	February 1	Approved
Payroll provider has been selected	February 1	Approved
COO has been hired and is working at least part time	February 1	Approved
The following incubation year employees have been hired: - Bookkeeper/Consultant - Office Manager	February 1 April 1	Approved Approved

- *“Approved” indicates that SPCSA staff has reviewed submitted documentation and has determined the condition to be met*
- *“Submitted” indicates that the documentation has been provided to SPCSA staff and is either under review or additional information/documentation has been requested to demonstrate that the condition is met.*

## Pinecrest Academy – Springs Campus

Pinecrest Academy – Springs Campus has submitted all but one of the pre-opening requirements due by the June 15, 2023 deadline to the SPCSA. It is SPCSA staff’s understanding that the outstanding item is under review by the Pinecrest board.

The school intends to serve 257 students in kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for the 2023 – 2024 school year. The Pinecrest team shared that as of last week, 138 students are fully enrolled, 16 students have some enrollment paperwork submitted, and one additional student has expressed interest. School leadership has informed SPCSA staff that additional outreach has been ongoing throughout the spring, and it is SPCSA staff’s understanding that these events are focused within the primary zip codes the school intends to serve: 89102, 89106, 89107, 89108 & 89146.

Below is a summary of the status of additional conditions unique to the school:

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Status</b>
Finalized student recruitment & enrollment plan	December 1	Approved

Evidence of an executed lease for identified facility	February 1	Approved
Evidence that Student Recruitment and Enrollment Plan has been implemented	February 10	Submitted

### **Southern Nevada Trades High School**

Southern Nevada Trades High School has submitted all but one of the pre-opening requirements due by the June 15, 2023 deadline to the SPCSA. It is staff's understanding that the school is awaiting further guidance on how to submit and garner approval of the school's academic calendar.

The school intends to serve 200 students in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2023 – 2024 school year. The school has 51 students enrolled, 23 additional partially enrolled, and one additional student that has expressed interest.

Additionally, below is a summary of the status of additional conditions unique to the school:

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Status</b>
Finalize principal hiring plan	September 30	Approved
Evidence of fully executed agreement with ACE H.S.	November 30	Approved
Revised budget with ELL/TESOL teacher	November 30	Approved
Evidence that principal has been hired	March 1	Approved