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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Authority Board
FROM: Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III, SPCSA
SUBJECT: **Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada – Charter Amendment Request to Reduce Enrollment Cap**
DATE: April 12, 2024

Summary of Request and Recommendation

Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada (Eagle) has submitted an amendment application requesting that the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) grant a Good Cause Exemption and approve the request to reduce its 2023-24 enrollment cap.

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

Background and Overview of the Amendment

Eagle is located at 2025. E Sahara, 89104. Eagle is currently in its first year of operation. As of Validation Day 2023, Eagle had 170 students enrolled.

According to the application, Eagle’s first year of operation opened in temporary space (Cambridge Rec Center) until October 31, 2023 and then transitioned operations to our permanent facility in November of 2023. Opening in the temporary facility negatively impacted Eagle’s recruitment of students in Year 1 which led to lower than anticipated enrollment. Additionally, Eagle noted in its amendment application that the school had a higher than projected number of students that had all of their enrollment paperwork completed but never attended Eagle NV, and lower than projected percentage of students retained throughout the year which was a result of operating out of the temporary facility.

Eagle noted in their amendment application that they have taken steps to ensure they can meet enrollment projections for the 2024-25 school year. According to the amendment application, Eagle has increased community outreach efforts which include focusing on attendance of local community events, teacher and staff marketing events and outreach, street team efforts and local media exposure, building and maintain relationships with local foster care/homeless support, daycares, and the Boys and Girls Clubs.

If approved, Eagle’s enrollment cap for the remainder of its charter term would be:

School Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Grade Levels	K – 5	K – 6	K – 7	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8
Total Enrollment	164	648	756	864	891	918

According to the amendment application, Eagle also reduced staffing reflect student enrollment. Additionally, Eagle noted that significant changes have been made compared to the projected budget submitted during year 0. The budget was reduced to 308 students before the campus opened and then again to 164 in January. The primary change is that the staffing model was amended to reflect actual enrollment. All other costs associated with staffing and enrollment have been reduced accordingly and have been appropriately realized in the “actuals” portion of our amended budget.

Legal Authority

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. 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 for RFA eligibility, SPCSA staff reviews the academic, financial and organizational performance of the applicant charter school. Eagle has yet to be rated on the NSPF or the SPCSA’s Academic Performance Framework. Eagle has yet to be rated on the SPCSA’s Organizational and Financial Performance Frameworks as well.

SPCSA staff recommends the SPCSA board approve the request of Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada to reduce its enrollment cap from 540 students to 164 students for the 2023-2024 school year.

Proposed Motion: Grant the Good Cause Exemption request and approve Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada’s request to reduce its approved enrollment cap for the 2023-24 school year.

If approved, Eagles enrollment cap for its charter term will be:

School Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Grade Levels	K – 5	K – 6	K – 7	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8
Total Enrollment	164	648	756	864	891	918

The current approved Eagle enrollment cap for its charter term is:

School Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Grade Levels	K – 5	K – 6	K – 7	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8
Total Enrollment	540	648	756	864	891	918

School Demographics since 2023 – Eagle

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
23-24	170	0.5%	25.2%	5.8%	64.1%	1.1%	2.9%	0.0%	8.2%	21.7%	68.8%

- 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
- * - Suppressed data due to n-count

Financial Performance – Not Rated

Organizational Performance – Not Rated

Academic Performance – Not Rated