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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada State Public Charter School Authority
FROM: Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing
SUBJECT: Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence
DATE: July 26, 2024

Background:

Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence (DBAE) was approved by the SPCSA Board at the August 25, 2023, board meeting to open in the fall of 2024.

Since that action by the Authority, the school has worked to identify a facility, enroll students, and hire staff. The school has experienced significant difficulty in meeting enrollment targets and identifying an appropriate facility in time for the commencement of the 2024 – 2025 school year. Due to ongoing struggles with enrollment and facilities, the governing board of Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence plans to vote to defer the school’s opening to the 2025 –2026 school year.

Summary and Recommendation:

SPCSA staff has been in close communication with the leadership of Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence over the past several months to monitor their enrollment progress. During their enrollment audit in June, the school had 54 students enrolled, which is about 19% of their projected enrollment for Year 1 of operations. Additionally, Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence faced several obstacles regarding their facility, ultimately resulting in them not having an appropriate facility to begin the school year. Given these challenges, SPCSA staff feels that a deferred opening to the 2025 –2026 school year is the best option for the viability of the school.

As a result, SPCSA staff recommends that the Authority take action to defer the opening of Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence to the 2025 –2026 school year.

Proposed Motion:

Approve Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence to defer the school's opening to the 2025 – 2026 school year, and require the school complete the pre-opening process and fulfill all outstanding, unique conditions attached to the school's approval from August 2023.

If the deferral request is approved, the enrollment caps for Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence are as follows:

School Year	2025 – 26	2026 – 27	2027 – 28	2028 – 29	2029 – 30
Total Enrollment Cap	280	420	560	630	630
Grade Levels	K-2, 6	K-3, 6-7	K-4, 6-8	K-8	K-8