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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada State Public Charter School Authority
FROM: Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing
SUBJECT: Rooted School Las Vegas
DATE: July 26, 2024

Background:

Rooted School Las Vegas (Rooted) was approved on resubmission by the SPCSA Board at the November 18, 2022, board meeting to open in the fall of 2023. At the SPCSA board meeting on June 23, 2023, Rooted requested to defer opening to the 2024 – 2025 school year due to low enrollment, challenges in building community partnerships, and a shorter planning year due to approval on resubmission.

Due to ongoing struggles with enrollment, staff turnover, and facilities, Rooted School Las Vegas is formally requesting to defer the school's opening again to the 2025 – 2026 school year.

Summary and Recommendation:

SPCSA staff has been in close communication with the leadership of Rooted School Las Vegas over the past several months to monitor their enrollment progress. During their enrollment audit in June, the school had 23 students enrolled, which is about 13% of their projected enrollment for Year 1 of operations. Additionally, Rooted faced several obstacles regarding their facility, resulting in the facility not being able to be occupied before Labor Day. 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 Rooted School Las Vegas to the 2025 –2026 school year.

Proposed Motion:

Approve the request of Rooted School Las Vegas to defer the school's opening to the 2025 – 2026 school year, and that the school complete the pre-opening process and fulfill all outstanding, unique conditions attached to the school's approval from November 2022.

If the deferral request is approved, the enrollment caps for Rooted School Las Vegas are as follows:

School Year	2025 – 26	2026 – 27	2027 – 28	2028 – 29	2029 – 30
Total Enrollment Cap	180	270	360	360	360
Grade Levels	9-10	9-11	9-12	9-12	9-12