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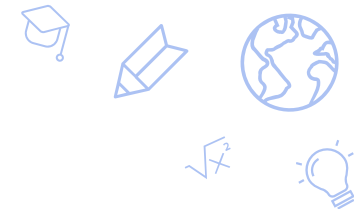# Site Evaluation Process
2024-2025 School Year

Presentation to SPCSA Board

August 23, 2024

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Site Evaluation Team

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Site Evaluation Process

Site Evaluations are conducted September through April
- Mindful of first month of school culture and systems building for students and staff
- Last month of school - testing and end-of-year activities
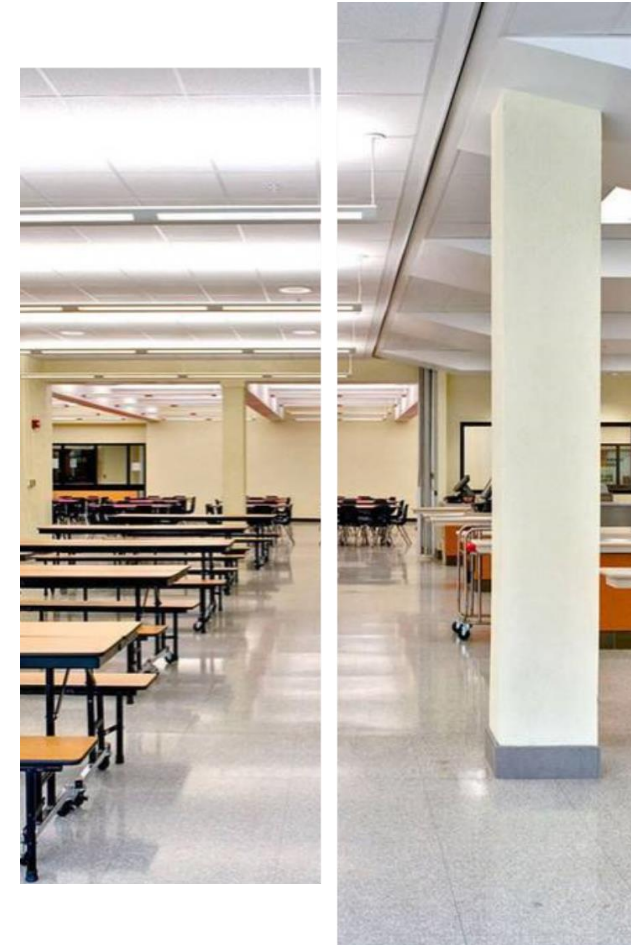
Start September 2024 with ~65 schools through April
- Possible dates discussed with schools within given month for Site Evaluation
- Align with schools' calendars and SPCSA calendar, including charter application process

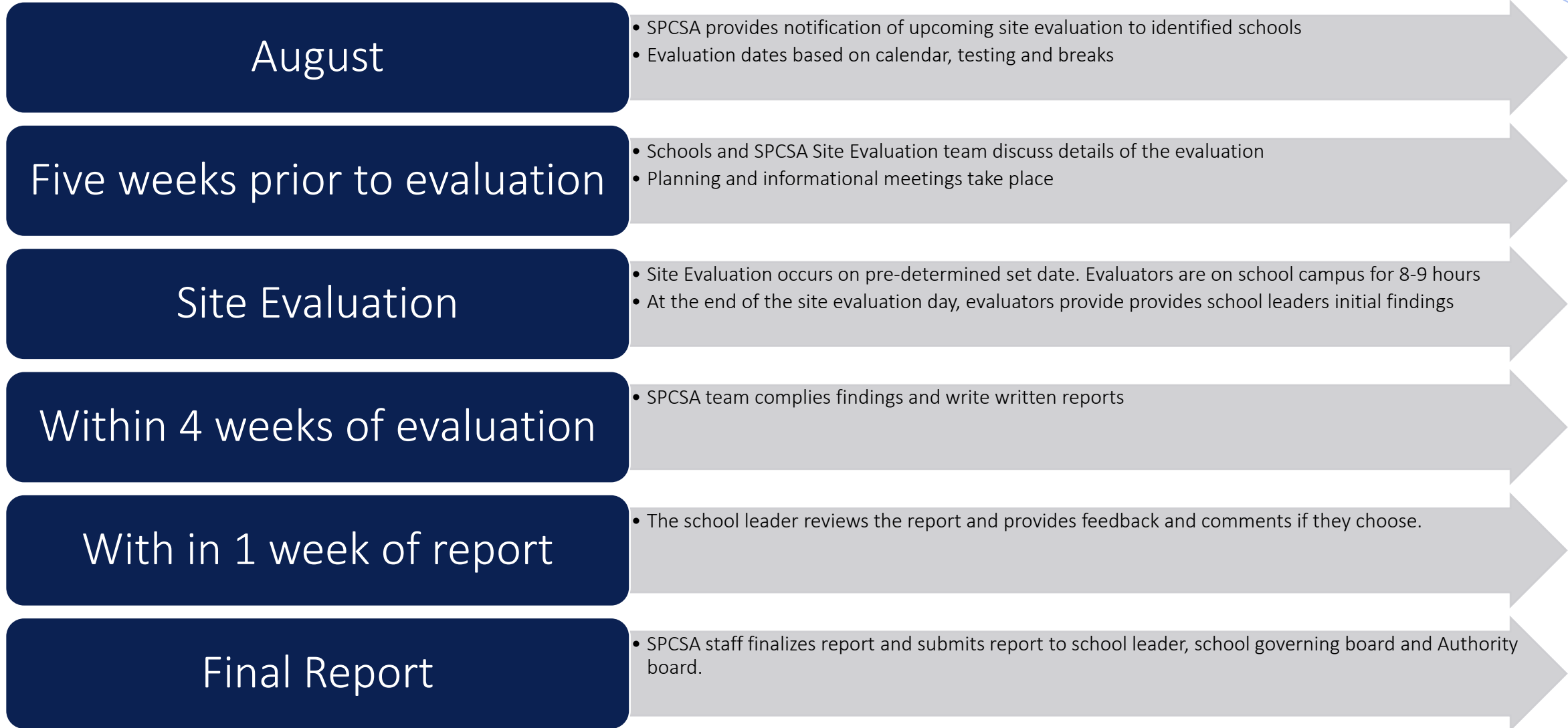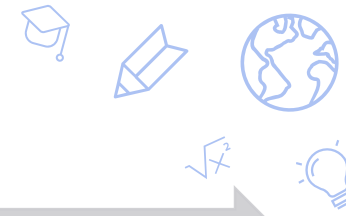**SPCSA Authorizing Team sets dates & communicates with schools**
- Based on multiple factors – other schools' availability, school breaks/vacations, SPCSA staff available within given month

All visits scheduled in August and December for the range of the school year
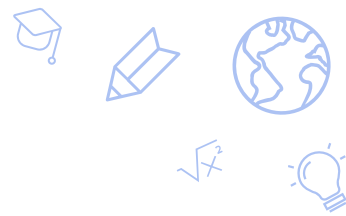- Ensure a plan for the year for both SPCSA staff and schools

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Site Evaluation Process

August	• SPCSA provides notification of upcoming site evaluation to identified schools • Evaluation dates based on calendar, testing and breaks
Five weeks prior to evaluation	• Schools and SPCSA Site Evaluation team discuss details of the evaluation • Planning and informational meetings take place
Site Evaluation	• Site Evaluation occurs on pre-determined set date. Evaluators are on school campus for 8-9 hours • At the end of the site evaluation day, evaluators provide provides school leaders initial findings
Within 4 weeks of evaluation	• SPCSA team complies findings and write written reports
With in 1 week of report	• The school leader reviews the report and provides feedback and comments if they choose.
Final Report	• SPCSA staff finalizes report and submits report to school leader, school governing board and Authority board.

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Proposed Revisions to the
Site Evaluation Process

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Summary of Changes

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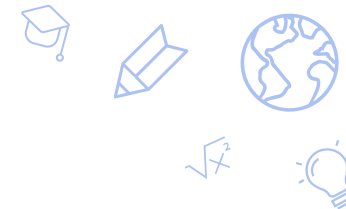
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Proposed Change Five: Improve site evaluation team procedures to gain more information about a school prior to the day of the evaluation.

Proposed Change One
Improve the look and functionality of the Site Evaluation Report

- **Why**: The previous report was 24 pages. Leaders suggested the report be shortened with most relevant information placed at the front.

- **How**: The Strengths, Challenges, and Recommendations sections are now placed at the front of the report.
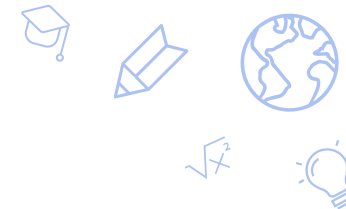NSPF star rating data URL links will be provided within the report.

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School Name:
Site Evaluation Report:

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Las Vegas, NV 89119

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Proposed Change Two
Shorten the time between the evaluation and the draft

- **Why**: In the past, the written report has taken time to create and publish. The team values accuracy and believe that high quality reports can now be completed more quickly. The goal is to change the time between the day of the evaluation and the day the Draft report is sent from 8 weeks to 4 weeks.

- **How:** The new report format is a "fillable" form which will simplify the editing process. The team has grown from three evaluators to four. Some of the information provided within the report can be populated ahead of time, such as the prior recommendations.

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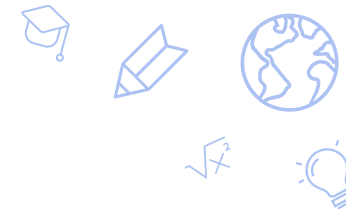
Proposed Change Three
Replace the "Organizational Performance Chart" to a Yes or No

- **Why:** One of the pages within the report was a chart displaying information about the organizational framework. Several of the items within the report replicated items from the SPCSA Organizational report.

- **How:** Replace replicated compliance items with a Yes or No checklist.

Note: During the 2024-25 school year, the SPCSA is developing quality indicators for board governance for the Organizational Performance Framework. As part of the development process, the site evaluation will be requesting recordings of recent governing board meetings and/or links to view upcoming board meetings. These will be submitted through Epicenter or via email, and SPCSA staff will coordinate with the school and/or governing board to obtain access to these meetings.

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Proposed Change Four
Pre-site informational items to be uploaded into Epicenter
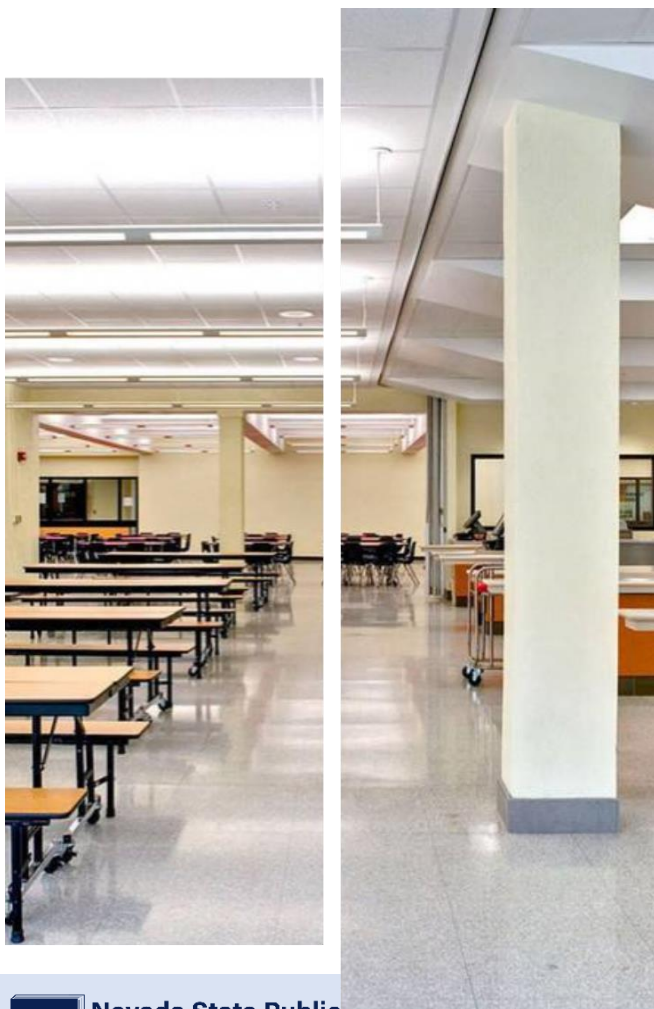
- **Why:** Site evaluators previously requested site evaluation items such as a focus group template and a school slide deck be e-mailed prior to the site evaluation. In some instances, items were received late.

- **How:** By creating two pre-site tasks within Epicenter, school leaders can have items turned into Epicenter ahead of the site evaluation. Epicenter will track and time stamp when items are uploaded and will send reminders to users should a task be late or missing. This helps the evaluation team improve timeliness.

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Proposed Change Five

Improve site evaluation procedures to gain more information about a school prior to the evaluation

- **Why**: The site evaluation team aims to be more informed and prepared prior to the day of the evaluation to collect an even greater quality of qualitative data within the reports. This will help inform the overall analysis of the school.

- **How**: The team will meet for an informational meeting to review the historical data of the select school as well as the determine most current events at each school. The team will ask more detailed questions during the focus group portion of the day.

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First Semester Schools	2024 –2025
Leadership Academy Nevada	9/17/2024
Founders Classical Academy Las Vegas	9/18/2024
Mater - East	9/24/2024
Mater - Bonanza	9/25/2024
Mater - Mountain Vista	9/26/2024
Amplus - Durango	10/1/2024
Amplus - Rainbow	10/2/2024
Battle Born Academy	10/3/2024
Legacy - North Valley	10/8/2024
Legacy - Cadence	10/9/2024
Legacy - Southwest	10/10/2024
Pinecrest Academy Northern Nevada	10/30/2024
Somerset - NLV	11/6/2024
Somerset - Losee	11/7/2024
Somerset - Aliante	11/12/2024
Somerset - Stephanie	11/13/2024

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First Semester Schools Continued	2024-2025
Somerset - Sky Pointe	11/14/2024
Somerset - Lone Moutain	11/19/2024
Somerset - Skye Canyon	11/20/2024
Nevada State High School - Meadow Wood	12/3/2024
Nevada State High School - North Las Vegas	12/3/2024
Nevada State High School -Downtown	12/3/2024
Nevada State High School - Summerlin/Charleston	12/4/2024
Nevada State High School - Northwest	12/4/2024
Nevada State High School - Henderson	12/5/2024
Nevada State High School - Downtown Henderson	12/5/2024
Nevada State High School - Sunrise	12/10/2024
Honors Academy of Literature	12/11/2024
Nevada State High School - Southwest	12/11/2024

Second Semester Schools

Nevada Virtual Charter School	Sports Leadership and Management of Nevada	Civica Academy
Discovery Sandhill	Strong Start Academy	Coral Academy - Cadence
Vegas Vista Academy	Young Women's Leadership Academy	Coral Academy - Nellis
Thrive Point Academy of Nevada	Beacon Academy	Freedom Classical
Equipo Academy	Democracy Prep	Learning Bridge Charter School
Nevada Connections Academy	Pinecrest - Sloan	Signature Prep
Nevada Prep	Pinecrest - Inspirada	Silver Sands Montessori
Nevada Rise	Pinecrest – St. Rose	Explore Academy
Quest Academy	Pinecrest - Horizon	Futuro Academy
Pilot ED	Pinecrest - Cadence	Imagine Mountain View
Sage Collegiate	Pinecrest - Virtual	
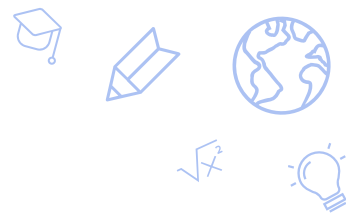
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