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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing
SUBJECT: 2023 – 2024 Organizational Performance Framework (OPF) Ratings
DATE: October 4, 2024

Background

As the Authority is aware, all SPCSA sponsored charter schools are evaluated on the SPCSA Organizational Performance Framework (OPF) pursuant to NRS 388A.273. The Organizational Performance Framework reviews a charter school from the perspective of five indicators or categories. This structure facilitates the evaluation of the school's organizational performance and compliance with federal, state, and local law, regulations, ordinances, and policy, in addition to the contract between the SPCSA and the governing board of the school.

Any school that materially fails to comply with the Organizational Performance Framework may trigger revocation proceedings in the next 3-5 years should organizational performance not improve. Any school identified as such is typically issued a Notice to ensure the school and its governing board are aware of the concerns pursuant to NRS 388A.330. As a reminder, the Authority has three levels of intervention when schools do not meet organizational standards. These levels are as follows:

- Notice of Concern
- Notice of Breach
- Notice of Intent to Revoke

Recommendation

For the 2023 – 2024 school year, five charter holders earned 79 points or fewer and an overall rating of Does Not Meet Standards (DNMS). Due to the significant changes in structure and format of the newly approved Organizational Performance Framework that is in effect for the 2024 – 2025 school

year, SPCSA staff are not recommending issuing Notices to any of the schools listed below as comparing results of the two versions of the framework will be difficult.

	Overall Rating	Total Points	Education Program	Financial Management	Governance & Reporting	Students & Employees	School Environment
Battle Born Academy	DNMS	76.7	16.0	15.0	10.0	15.7	20.0
Equipo Academy	DNMS	76.7	17.0	14.0	10.0	15.7	20.0
Nevada Prep Charter School	DNMS	76.4	19.0	15.0	10.0	12.4	20.0
pilotED Schools- Cactus Park Elementary	DNMS	78.4	19.0	15.0	12.0	12.4	20.0
Sage Collegiate Public Charter School	DNMS	69.4	19.0	15.0	13.0	12.4	10.0

However, SPCSA staff want to remind all schools the importance of operating a school that is: aligned to the charter contract; in compliance with federal and state statute, administrative code, and regulation; and operationally sound. We also want to remind the governing boards the critical role they play in being responsible for millions of public dollars and the educational outcomes for the students in their schools. Schools that continue to disregard compliance and reporting may be subject to not only Notices on the Organizational Performance Framework but additional consequences from the Nevada Department of Education and the US Department of Education, including the possible withholding of grant funding.

Nevada Prep Charter School

	Overall Rating	Total Points	Education Program	Financial Management	Governance & Reporting	Students & Employees	School Environment
2022-23	DNMS	66.0	20	13.3	8.3	14.4	10
2023-24	DNMS	76.4	19.0	15.0	10.0	12.4	20.0

Additionally, Nevada Prep Charter School was issued a Notice of Concern under the Organizational Performance Framework for the 2022 – 2023 school year, in which they earned a total of 66.0 points. Though the school still did not meet the 80-point threshold, they did show an improvement by earning 76.4 points for the 2023 – 2024 school year. Due to the difficulty in comparing outcomes on the updated version of the framework to the previous version of the framework, SPCSA staff recommends removing the current Notice of Concern for Nevada Prep Charter School.

Proposed Motion

Accept the 2023 – 2024 Organizational Performance Framework results as presented and delegate to SPCSA staff the authority to provide final results to governing boards of each charter holder in the coming weeks. Additionally, lift the Notice of Concern for Nevada Prep Charter School that was issued for the 2022 – 2023 Organizational Performance Framework.