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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing
SUBJECT: Recommendations for Discovery Charter School Sandhill Campus Based on
2023-2024 Academic Performance
DATE: November 15, 2024

As the Authority is aware, the Nevada Department of Education recently released the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) results for the 2023-2024 school year. All public schools in the state of Nevada are issued a star rating when all data points are available.

Additionally, all SPCSA-sponsored charter schools are evaluated on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework (Framework), pursuant to [NRS 388A.273](#). The Framework provides additional metrics for charter school academic achievement and proficiency, including academic growth; disparities in academic achievement and proficiency; and graduation rates, as well as college and career readiness, when applicable.

Any school(s) demonstrating underperformance that has the potential to trigger revocation proceedings in the next 3-5 years should academic performance not improve should be issued a formal Notice to ensure the school and its governing board are aware of the concerns ([NRS 388A.300](#) and [388A.330](#)). Underperformance is defined by [NAC 388A.350](#) as any school receiving a rating below 3 stars in the NSPF or schools that have not consistently complied with the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework. As a reminder, the Authority has three levels of intervention when schools do not meet academic standards. These levels are as follows:

- Notice of Concern
- Notice of Breach
- Notice of Intent to Terminate

The academic performance of Discovery Charter School Sandhill Campus for the last six school years is provided below, as available.

- For the 2018-19 school year, NSPF index scores and star ratings were calculated, but SPCSA Academic Performance Framework (Framework) ratings are unavailable. They were informational only and not released publicly.
- For the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, NSPF index scores, NSPF star ratings, and SPCSA Academic Performance Framework ratings were not calculated due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- For the 2021-22 school year, only NSPF index scores, not NSPF star ratings, were calculated. SPCSA Academic Performance Framework ratings were calculated.
- For the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, NSPF index scores, star ratings, and the SPCSA Academic Performance Frameworks were calculated.

Discovery Charter School Sandhill	2018-2019 Index Score and Star Rating	2021-2022 Index Score	2021-2022 Framework	2022-2023 Index Score and Star Rating	2022-2023 Framework	2023-2024 Index Score and Star Rating	2023-2024 Framework
Elementary School	27.78 2-star	37	33.2 Does Not Meet Standard	40 2-star	47 Does Not Meet Standard	60 3-star	74 Meets Standard

The elementary school at the Sandhill campus of Discovery Charter School was issued an academic Notice of Concern regarding its elementary school during the 2018-2019 school year. The Notice of Concern was continued for the 2022-23 school year due to a 2-star NSPF rating and a Does Not Meet Standard rating on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework. Due to the improvement in performance to a 3-star NSPF rating and a Meets Standard rating on the SPCSA Academic Performance framework for the 2023-24 school year, SPCSA staff recommends that the Authority remove the Notice of Concern and return the elementary school at the Sandhill campus of Discovery Charter School to good standing.

Proposed Motion: Approve the recommendation of SPCSA staff to remove the Notice of Concern for Discovery Charter School Sandhill Campus elementary school for academic performance for the 2023 – 2024 school year and return the school to good standing.