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**ACTION MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** SPCSA Board  
**FROM:** Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director  
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing  
**SUBJECT:** Recommendations for Somerset Academy of Las Vegas Based on 2023-2024  
Academic Performance  
**DATE:** November 15, 2024

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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 Somerset Academy of Las Vegas Losee and North Las Vegas campuses for the last two school years is provided below.

Somerset Academy of Las Vegas	2022-2023 Index Score and Star Rating	2022-2023 SPCSA Framework	2023-2024 Index Score and Star Rating	2023-2024 SPCSA Framework
Losee Elementary School	53 3-star	61.8 Meets Standard	43 2-star	47.8 Does Not Meet Standard
Losee Middle School	44.5 2-star	54.7 Meets Standard	38 2-star	44.8 Does Not Meet Standard
North Las Vegas Elementary School	24.5 1-star	30.7 Does Not Meet Standard	46 2-star	55.6 Meets Standard

The elementary school and middle school at Somerset Academy Losee earned a 2-star NSPF rating and a Does Not Meet Standard on the SPCSA Performance Framework for the 2023-24 school year. Based on this academic performance, SPCSA staff recommends the Authority issue a Notice of Concern to Somerset Academy Losee regarding the elementary school and middle school.

Given this Notice recommendation, SPCSA staff will ensure Somerset Academy Losee is scheduled for a site evaluation for the 2024-25 school year to carefully review the school’s performance for the 2024-2025 school year. The school must include an academic goal in their School Performance Plan. This academic goal should measurably impact student academic performance.

Additionally, per [NRS 388A.367](#), any school rated 1- or 2- stars is required to mail a written notification to the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled that includes information on the school’s star rating and a list of other public schools to which a pupil may transfer if the charter school closes or adopts changes which a parent or legal guardian finds unacceptable. The school must also post a notification on their website. Finally, [NRS 388A.367](#) requires the governing body of qualifying public charter schools to hold a public hearing within 30 days of sending out the required notification so as to provide all stakeholders the opportunity to discuss actions and solicit feedback for continued academic growth and improvement. Staff has been monitoring compliance with these statutory requirements.

The North Las Vegas campus of Somerset Academy of Las Vegas was issued an academic Notice of Concern regarding its elementary school for the 2022-23 school year due a 1-star

NSPF rating and a Does Not Meet Standard rating on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework. Due to the school receiving a 2-star NSPF rating and a Meets Standard rating on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework in the 2023-24 school year, SPCSA staff recommends that the Authority remove the Notice of Concern and return the North Las Vegas of Somerset Academy of Las Vegas to good standing.

Please note that if the elementary school at the North Las Vegas campus of Somerset Academy of Las Vegas receives another 1-star NSPF rating in the next two years, SPCSA staff will recommend the Authority bypass an academic Notice of Concern and issue an academic Notice of Breach due to the mandatory termination provisions outlined in [NRS 388A.300](#).

**Proposed Motion:** Approve the recommendation of SPCSA staff as stated herein to issue a Notice of Concern to Somerset Academy of Nevada Losee elementary and middle school for academic performance for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Additionally, remove the Notice of Concern for Somerset Academy of Las Vegas North Las Vegas elementary school for academic performance for the 2023 – 2024 school year and return the school to good standing.